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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION TUESDAY, MAY 25,
2 2004: For your information, there is no reportable action as
3 a result of the Board of Supervisors' closed session held
4 today.]

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8 [GAVEL]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** COULD EVERYONE PLEASE RISE? WE WILL OPEN
11 THE MEETING. WE WILL BE LED IN THE INVOCATION BY DR. KEITH
12 TANIS FROM NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH IN ARTESIA, FOLLOWED BY
13 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED BY ARMAN ASA'ID,
14 MEMBER OF WILLIAM BUSHNELL CHAPTER 123, DISABLED AMERICAN
15 VETERANS.

16

17 **REVEREND KEITH TANIS:** GOOD MORNING. VERY SPECIAL PRAYER THIS
18 MORNING BASED ON ONE OF THE MOST ANCIENT PRAYERS KNOWN TO
19 HUMANKIND, A PRAYER OF MOSES, A PRAYER FROM PSALM 90 THAT IS
20 PRECIOUS TO BOTH JEWS AND CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD. LET US
21 PRAY. LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR DWELLING PLACE IN ALL
22 GENERATIONS. BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BROUGHT FORTH OR EVER,
23 YOU HAD FORMED THE EARTH AND THE WORLD, FROM EVERLASTING TO
24 EVERLASTING, YOU ARE GOD. A THOUSAND YEARS IN YOUR SIGHT ARE
25 LIKE YESTERDAY WHEN IT'S PAST OR LIKE A WATCH IN THE NIGHT BUT



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1 THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE ARE 70 YEARS OR 80, IF WE ARE STRONG. BUT
2 THEN THEY ARE SOON GONE AND WE FLY AWAY. SO TEACH US, GOD, TO
3 NUMBER OUR DAYS THAT WE MAY GAIN A WISE HEART. SATISFY US IN
4 THE MORNING WITH YOUR STEADFAST LOVE SO THAT WE MAY REJOICE
5 AND BE GLAD ALL OUR DAYS. LET THE FAVOR OF THE LORD OUR GOD BE
6 UPON US AND PROSPER FOR US THE WORK OF OUR HANDS, O PROSPER
7 THE WORK OF OUR HANDS. ALMIGHTY GOD, THIS MORNING WE MEET
8 AGAIN TO USE OUR HANDS, OUR HEARTS, OUR MINDS, OUR MOUTHS TO
9 LEAD LOS ANGELES COUNTY SO THAT SHE MAY PROSPER IN OUR DAY.
10 LIKE MOSES, WE ADMIT THAT OUR LIVES ARE SHORT BUT YOU ARE
11 ETERNAL. LIKE MOSES, WE PRAY FOR WISE HEARTS; LIKE MOSES, WE
12 INVOKE YOUR LOVE AND FAVOR SO THAT WE MAY PROSPER. HEAR OUR
13 PRAYER FOR THE SUPERVISORS, FOR THE LEADERS OF OUR STATE AND
14 NATION, AND FOR ALL WHO DEFEND OUR NATION, HERE AND IN IRAQ
15 AND AFGHANISTAN AND AROUND THE WORLD. MAY OUR WORK TODAY SERVE
16 YOUR DESIRE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR ALL OF HUMANKIND. AMEN.

17

18 **ARMAN ASA'ID:** PLEASE PUT YOUR RIGHT HAND ON YOUR HEART AND
19 JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

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21 **ARMAN ASA'ID:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** TO MY COLLEAGUES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
24 IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO
25 DR. KEITH TANIS. KEITH IS THE SENIOR PASTOR AT NEW LIFE



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1 COMMUNITY CHURCH IN ARTESIA, WHERE MY WIFE, JULIE, AND I HAVE
2 BEEN MEMBERS FOR OVER 30 YEARS, SO IT'S A PLEASURE TO HAVE MY
3 OWN PASTOR DOWN HERE TODAY. DR. TANIS, AS I SAID, IS A SENIOR
4 PASTOR THERE AND HE HAS PASTORED CHURCHES IN MICHIGAN AND
5 TEXAS AND TAUGHT ON THE FACULTY OF CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
6 BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY OUT THERE EACH AND EVERY DAY WHAT HE DOES
7 FOR US OUT THERE IN ARTESIA. SO, KEITH, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO
8 PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. AGAIN, APPRECIATE
9 YOU COMING DOWN HERE. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE TO, ON BEHALF
12 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, TO PRESENT ARMAN ASA'ID WITH A
13 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AS I SAID EARLIER, HE IS A MEMBER
14 OF THE WILLIAM BUSHNELL CHAPTER 123 OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN
15 VETERANS, WHERE HE'S A LIFE MEMBER. HE WAS IN THE UNITED
16 STATES NAVY, SERVED IN NAVAL AIR STATION BRUNSWICK, MAINE. I
17 WAS AT NAVAL STATION ALAMEDA. I WAS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE
18 COUNTRY AND WHERE HE RECEIVED THE NAVY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL AND
19 THE NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL. HE CURRENTLY WE WORKS FOR OUR
20 MILITARY IN VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT WITH A VETERANS CLAIMS
21 ASSISTANT. SO, ARMAN, BEHALF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE'D
22 LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN AND LEADING US IN THE
23 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [APPLAUSE]

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'LL DO THE AGENDA.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
3 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 5. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEM 1-D, WE'LL HOLD THIS
5 UNTIL AFTER PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 2.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
10 AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 2-H, WE'LL ALSO HOLD THIS UNTIL AFTER
11 PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM NUMBER 2. ITEM 1-H IS BEFORE YOU.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL
14 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'LL ANNOUNCE THE CONTINUED MATTERS UNDER
17 PUBLIC HEARINGS AND THEN WE'LL TAKE THOSE UP AFTER THE BOARD'S
18 PRESENTATIONS. SO, UNDER PUBLIC HEARINGS, ON ITEM NUMBER 10,
19 AS NOTED ON THE AGENDA, THE BOARD DECLARED ITS INTENT TO
20 CONTINUE, WITHOUT DISCUSSION, TO JUNE 22ND, 2004.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 12, AS NOTED ON THE
2 AGENDA, ON THE GREEN SHEET, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THE
3 ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 15, 2004.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 13 THROUGH 20. ON ITEM NUMBER 13, HOLD FOR
9 SUPERVISOR KNABE. ON ITEM NUMBER 17, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE
10 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
13 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
14 SO ORDERED.

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16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. ON ITEM 21, AS
17 NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
18 REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM
23 22.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 23 AND 24, ON ITEM
5 23, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ITEM 24 IS BEFORE YOU.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY
8 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
11 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
12 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
13 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON
14 ITEM 25-A, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE. THAT COMPLETES THE
15 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS
16 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 5.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MIKE, IF YOU DON'T MIND, TALK TO YOUR
19 STAFF, WE HAVE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION HERE THAT...

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE. NO, GO RIGHT AHEAD.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL THE FOLLOWING FORWARD. THE
24 HONORABLE RUDY DIAZ, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE AND CHAIR OF THE
25 DRUG CORPS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; THE HONORABLE ELLEN DESHAZER,



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1 SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE FOR THE COMPTON COURT; THE HONORABLE
2 JUDGE MICHAEL TYNEMAN, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE FOR LOS ANGELES;
3 AND SOME VERY SPECIAL INDIVIDUALS: ERNEST ALEGRIA, ERIC
4 SHANNON, DENNIS ODOM, AND WESLEY WILLIAMS. AS THEY ALL COME
5 FORWARD, WE ARE HERE TODAY TO PROCLAIM, CONGRATULATE AND HONOR
6 THESE FINE FOLKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE, BOTH IN FURTHERING THE
7 EFFORTS OF OUR DRUG CORPS, ALSO, AS GREAT EXAMPLES OF
8 SUCCESSFUL DRUG TREATMENT. SO, JUDGE DIAZ, IT'S MY PLEASURE,
9 ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, TO PRESENT YOU,
10 CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF A GREAT PROGRAM AS DRUG CORPS MONTH
11 HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ON BEHALF MYSELF AND MY
12 COLLEAGUES, AND, AGAIN, SAY A JOB WELL DONE. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **JUDGE DIAZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. KNABE. I JUST WANT TO
15 THANK THE BOARD FOR YOUR CONTINUING AND UNRELENTING SUPPORT
16 FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS. THIS IS A REFLECTION OF WHAT COUNTY
17 AGENCIES WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM CAN
18 ACCOMPLISH WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER, FOCUS ON COMMON GOALS, AND
19 JUST NEVER GIVE UP. I'M VERY PROUD OF WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED
20 AND I'M ESPECIALLY PROUD OF OUR PEOPLE WHO WILL BE RECOGNIZING
21 TODAY AND SO MANY OTHER, MORE THAN 3,000 GRADUATES FROM OUR
22 PROGRAM WHO NOT ONLY HAVE TAKEN AND BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OUR
23 EFFORTS BUT THEY THEMSELVES GIVE BACK, AND WE'LL HEAR ABOUT
24 FOUR OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN A FEW MINUTES. THANKS AGAIN FOR
25 YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. JUDGE, THANK YOU. I KNOW THAT,
3 PERSONALLY, I HAVE BEEN A GRADUATION SPEAKER AT A COUPLE OF
4 DRUG CORPS GRADUATIONS DOWN IN LONG BEACH AND SO I JUST WANT
5 TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU AND THE LEADERS OF THE COURT FOR
6 WHAT YOU DO. NEXT, WE HAVE SOME INDIVIDUALS HERE THAT WE'D
7 LIKE TO-- THAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY GRADUATED FROM THE DRUG CORPS
8 PROGRAMS AND, FROM THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT, WE HAVE
9 ERNEST ALEGRIA. ERNEST, I'M GOING TO CALL YOU UP FIRST TO
10 PRESENT YOUR SCROLL.

11

12 **ERNEST ALEGRIA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ERNIE AND I AM A RECOVERING
13 ADDICT AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I CONTINUE TO BE
14 GRATEFUL FOR THE DRUG CORPS PROGRAM. I WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY
15 IF THAT PROGRAM WAS NOT THERE FOR ME. I CONTINUE TO MOVE
16 FORWARD ONE DAY AT A TIME. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT WE HAVE ERIC SHANNON.

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20 **ERIC SHANNON:** HELLO, EVERYBODY. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT IT IS A
21 HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE. NEVER IN MY WILDEST DREAMS
22 WOULD I HAVE THOUGHT THAT I WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE AND I WANT TO
23 THANK YOU GUYS AGAIN AND TELL YOU THAT THE PROGRAM WORKS. [
24 APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DENNIS ODOM.

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3 **DENNIS ODOM:** HOW YOU DOING? MY NAME IS DENNIS ODOM AND THE
4 PROGRAM WORKS. IF IT WOULDN'T, I WOULDN'T BE HERE. THANK YOU.

5 [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND WESLEY WILLIAMS.

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9 **WESLEY WILLIAMS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS WESLEY WILLIAMS AND
10 I'D LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS
11 AWARD AS WELL AS SOME SPECIAL PEOPLE, WHO KNOW WHOM THEY ARE,
12 SITTING IN THE AUDIENCE, ESPECIALLY JUDGE MICHAEL TYNAN. AND,
13 MOST OF ALL, I WANTED TO SAY THIS MORNING THAT DRUG CORPS IS
14 VERY IMPORTANT. AS SUPERVISORS, YOU'RE CHARGED WITH A GREAT
15 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY, THE PEOPLE WHO
16 ARE ADDICTED TO DRUGS, HAVE FAMILIES, WILL PAY TAXES IF
17 THEY'RE CLEAN, AND BECOME RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS IN THE
18 COMMUNITY. AND, AS A RESULT, WHEN IT'S TIME TO VOTE FOR MORE
19 MONEY FOR THESE PROGRAMS, PLEASE REMEMBER US. THANK YOU. [

20 LIGHT LAUGHTER] [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S A PRETTY COOL PLUG FOR BUDGET, HUH?

23 [LAUGHTER] [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I TELL YOU, JUDGE TYNAN, YOU'RE SMOOTH,
2 BUDDY. THAT WAS LIKE, LIKE, MAN, THAT WAS LIKE (CHARACTER
3 VOICE). NEXT, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT A SCROLL TO THE
4 HONORABLE JUDGE ELLEN DESHAZER, WHO OPENED THE COMPTON DRUG
5 CORPS PROGRAM IN JULY OF 1998 AND CONTINUES TO PRESIDE OVER
6 THE DRUG COURT TODAY. SHE HAS GRADUATED A TOTAL OF 227
7 PARTICIPANTS AND HAS MAINTAINED ONE OF THE LOWEST RECIDIVISM
8 RATES OF ALL DRUG CORPS PROGRAMS. SHE CHAIRS THE JUDGE'S
9 ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF JUDGES PRESIDING OVER DRUG
10 COURTS AND PROP 36 COURTS AND IS A FACULTY MEMBER OF THE
11 NATIONAL DRUG COURT INSTITUTE. THROUGH HER COMMITMENT AND
12 DEDICATED EFFORTS, SHE CONTINUE TO WORK TIRELESSLY TO MAKE A
13 DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF DEFENDANTS THAT COME BEFORE HER
14 THROUGH HER INSISTENCE ON PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND
15 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE RECOVERY PROCESS. SO, JUDGE, WE'D LIKE
16 TO PRESENT YOU THIS SCROLL IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR GREAT
17 SERVICE AND WHAT YOU CONTINUE TO DO EACH AND EVERY DAY.
18 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **JUDGE ELLEN DESHAZER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. USUALLY I LIKE
21 TO TALK AND I HAVE LOTS TO SAY BUT THIS IS ONE OF THOSE
22 MOMENTS WHERE I DON'T HAVE A LOT TO SAY, EXCEPT THANK YOU VERY
23 MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND I AM JUST DELIGHTED TO KNOW THAT OUR
24 HARD WORK IS BEING RECOGNIZED, NOT SO MUCH FOR WHAT WE DO, BUT



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1 FOR THE LIVES THAT WE REALLY DO WORK ON A DAILY BASIS TO TRY
2 TO SAVE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SPEAKER:** IT'S WONDERFUL WORKING IN THIS ENTERPRISE, IT REALLY
5 IS. IT'S BEEN ONE OF THE MOST SATISFYING THINGS I THINK I'VE
6 EVER DONE IN MY LIFE AND I THANK THE BOARD FOR ALL THEIR HELP
7 AND SUPPORT IN THE DRUG COURT PROGRAM. WE APPRECIATE IT. GOD
8 BLESS YOU ALL. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MICHAEL? THANK YOU FOR THAT.
11 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? AND THANKS AGAIN FOR LETTING THE JUDGES
12 GO FIRST.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO PROBLEM. THIS MORNING, WE WOULD LIKE TO
15 WELCOME ALL OF THE OUTSTANDING NURSES FOR THE YEAR 2004 AND
16 CONGRATULATE THEM FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL NURSE RECOGNITION WEEK
17 WHICH WAS HELD MAY 2ND THROUGH MAY 8TH. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S A VERY... [APPLAUSE]

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...DISTINCT HONOR TO HAVE YOU ALL HERE, AS
22 YOU ARE ALL NOMINATED BY YOUR OWN PEERS FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS
23 AWARD AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE 16 NURSES FROM ACROSS
24 OUR COUNTY. WE'LL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA FROM THE
25 FIRST DISTRICT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH. YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY
3 CORRECT. NURSES ARE VERY, VERY SPECIAL TO ALL OF US IN THE
4 COUNTY. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE WORK AND THE CONTRIBUTION THEY
5 MAKE ON A REGULAR BASIS BUT TO HAVE THIS KIND OF RECOGNITION
6 WE THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT IS THEIR PEERS THAT SAID
7 THESE ARE THE VERY BEST. THEY DO THEIR JOB VERY WELL. AND I'M
8 SO VERY PROUD TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION AND PROVIDE THIS
9 RECOGNITION BECAUSE IT IS AN AMAZING COMMITMENT THAT IS
10 CREATED EVERY SINGLE DAY BY THE HARD WORK THAT YOU DO. WE
11 VALUE OUR NURSES AND WE CERTAINLY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE
12 ATTRACTING NOT ONLY THE VERY BEST, WHICH THEY ARE, BUT, MORE
13 IMPORTANTLY, THAT WE CONTINUE TO KEEP THEM WITH US. SO WE'RE
14 VERY PROUD. AND SO, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I
15 WANT TO POINT OUT FOUR OF THESE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS. TO
16 BEGIN WITH, MARGERY BORJORN HAS WORKED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 HEALTH SINCE 1980. SHE CURRENTLY WORKS WITH GEOGRAPHIC AREA
18 ADMINISTRATION TEAM IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND HAS BEEN
19 INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING IN NEW SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND
20 YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND SO, MARGERY, ON
21 BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CONGRATULATIONS AS ONE OF
22 OUR OUTSTANDING NURSES. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **MARJORIE BORJORN:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT THIS IS ONE OF
25 THE GREATEST HONORS I'VE EVER HAD AS A NURSE WORKING FOR



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1 COUNTY AND I REALLY APPRECIATE BEING SELECTED AS NURSE OF THE
2 YEAR. IT'S REALLY SPECIAL TO ME.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** OUR NEXT NURSE IS PAUL TOBIAS. HE BEGAN HIS
7 EMPLOYMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE AS A
8 STAFF NURSE IN 1997 AND WAS PROMOTED TO SUPERVISING STAFF
9 NURSE IN 2002. HIS COLLEAGUES PRAISE HIS OUTSTANDING DEGREE OF
10 PROFESSIONALISM AND CARING DEMEANOR TOWARD ALL OF HIS
11 PATIENTS. WE'RE VERY PROUD, PAUL, TO PRESENT YOU ALSO WITH A
12 CERTIFICATE AND A SCROLL FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AND
13 YOUR RECOGNITION.

14

15 **PAUL TOBIAS:** THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **PAUL TOBIAS:** I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY WHO ATTENDED TODAY
20 AND ALSO MY STAFF AT THE HOSPITAL, WHO WERE NOT ABLE TO COME
21 TODAY. THEY'RE THE REASON WHY I'M HERE. THEY'RE THE ONES THAT
22 GIVE ME THE INSPIRATION TO DO THIS FOR THEM AND TO BE THERE
23 FOR THEM AS WELL AS THE PATIENTS THAT COME IN EVERY DAY THAT
24 NEED OUR HELP AND THAT WE DO GIVE THEM HELP WITHOUT EVER
25 THINKING TWICE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** NEXT WE HAVE GUADALUPE DIAZ FIGUEROA, WHO HAS
3 BEEN WITH US FOR 33 YEARS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE'RE VERY
4 PROUD OF THAT. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE HAS SERVED AS AN INSTITUTIONAL HELPER, A
7 NURSING ATTENDANT, A LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE, AND AS A
8 REGISTERED NURSE FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS, WORKING IN THE
9 NORTHEAST HEALTH CENTER, THE WHITTIER HEALTH CENTER, THE PICO
10 RIVERA HEALTH CENTER AND IS CURRENTLY AT THE EL MONTE
11 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF HER. SHE IS
12 ALSO CURRENTLY THE VICE PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 660.
13 GUADALUPE, CONGRATULATIONS. VERY DESERVING RECOGNITION. WE ARE
14 PROUD OF YOU. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **GUADALUPE DIAZ FIGUEROA:** IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE AND
17 PERSONAL. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY THANK MY COWORKERS AT EL MONTE
19 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER WHO NOMINATED ME IN THIS HONOR BUT
20 I WILL ALSO EXPRESS THAT, EVEN THOUGH I'M HERE, IT WOULD BE
21 UNJUST TO MENTION ALL THE NURSES IN L.A. COUNTY THAT DESERVE
22 RECOGNITION FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND THEIR TRUE QUALITY OF
23 WORK THAT WE PROVIDE FOR ALL THE PATIENTS IN L.A. COUNTY. IT
24 GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE REPRESENTING THE AMBULATORY
25 CARE SYSTEM BUT I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT THE NURSES IN



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1 L.A. COUNTY NEED RECOGNITION AND THE WAY WE CAN DO THAT, TO
2 GET THE NURSES THE WAY TO STAY THE WAY I'VE STUCK HERE FOR 33
3 YEARS, IS TO GIVE US AN EQUITABLE CONTRACT, AND I WOULD LIKE
4 TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY, YES, WE DO DESERVE IT. THANK
5 YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** FAIR ENOUGH, GUADALUPE. [LAUGHTER]

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE HAS TO DO HER END OF THE JOB AS WELL. NEXT WE
10 HAVE ELLEN GUSIA, WHO WORKS FOR THE SHERIFF'S TWIN TOWERS
11 CORRECTIONAL CENTER NURSING SERVICES. HER COWORKERS ARE
12 CONTINUOUSLY IMPRESSED WITH HER CLINICAL KNOWLEDGE AND
13 COMMITMENT TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND HER PATIENTS.
14 ELLEN, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **ELLEN GUSIA:** I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
17 HONORED GUESTS, MY FELLOW NURSES, CAPTAIN PENNER, MR.
18 FLAHERTY, LIEUTENANT SMITH, RITA DUNEREZ, ARLENE MARTINEZ.
19 THIS IS... I'M SPEECHLESS. I THOUGHT I WAS READY FOR THIS BUT
20 WE ALL-- NURSES WORK VERY HARD. WE WORK AS A TEAM. I AM
21 ACCEPTING THIS IN BEHALF OF THE NURSES FROM MY DEPARTMENT AND,
22 LIKE WHAT I SAID, IT'S A HARD WORK, BUT SOMETIMES IT FEELS
23 LIKE-- OR IT SEEMS LIKE VERY FRUSTRATING, EXHAUSTING,
24 THANKLESS. BUT, NEVERTHELESS, WE CONTINUE TO WORK AS-- TO
25 ACHIEVE OUR GOALS, AND THAT IS PROVIDING THE BEST OF CARE TO



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1 OUR PATIENTS AND MAINTAINING THEIR HEALTH. THANK YOU. [

2 APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** MY COLLEAGUES AND I ARE VERY PROUD OF THE
5 CONTRIBUTION THAT OUR NURSES PROVIDE EVERY SINGLE DAY IN ALL
6 AREAS, IN ALL OF OUR DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, BUT I'M
7 PARTICULARLY PROUD OF ALL OF THESE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT.
8 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU. [[APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY? YES, WE'RE GOING TO DO A PICTURE BUT
11 YOU GO AHEAD.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW SUPERVISOR YVONNE BURKE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HONOR SOME NURSES FROM THE
16 SECOND DISTRICT AND THEY COME FROM HOSPITALS AND CLINICS AND I
17 KNOW THEY HAVE A HARD JOB BUT WE APPRECIATE THE KIND OF WORK
18 THAT THEY'RE DOING. AND, FIRST, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE HILDA
19 MONTEMORES AND HILDA MONTEMORES IS A NURSE AT THE-- I'M SORRY,
20 AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, KING DREW. WE KNOW THAT YOU'VE
21 RECEIVED A LOT OF LUMPS BUT WE HAVE SOME GOOD NURSES AT KING
22 DREW AND CERTAINLY WE'RE VERY, VERY PLEASED TO HONOR YOU. HOW
23 LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE? SHE'S BEEN THERE 16 YEARS.
24 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **HILDA MONTEMORES:** MY NAME IS HILDA MONTEMORES. I REPRESENT THE
2 NURSES AT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. TODAY, I WOULD LIKE TO
3 THANK MY COWORKERS THAT ARE HERE TODAY, TRYING TO CHEER ME ON.
4 I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK MY NURSE MANAGER, OUR NURSES DIRECTOR,
5 MR. KIDD AND MRS. LONG, MRS. TAYLOR, AND ALL MY FRIENDS, MY
6 PASTOR, REVEREND HILTON THAT IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME TAKING
7 SOME PICTURES, MY OTHER FRIENDS FROM WORK AND MY BROTHER.
8 THEY'RE ALL HERE TODAY TO REPRESENT, TO TRY TO CHEER ME ON. I
9 WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I WAS NAMED THE OUTSTANDING NURSE OF
10 TEAM DREW MEDICAL CENTER BUT ALL OUR NURSES AT KING DREW
11 MEDICAL CENTER ARE OUTSTANDING, IN SPITE OF THE SCRUTINY THAT
12 WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH, WE ALL REPRESENT THE PATIENTS IN THE
13 SECOND DISTRICT AND WE LOVE THEM AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK
14 HARD SO THAT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER WILL BE ON THE TOP OF
15 HER LIST NEXT YEAR. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. AND NOW FROM SOUTHWEST
18 AREA, HUBERT HUMPHREY COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL CENTER, WE HAVE
19 HINE CHEN. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU.

20

21 **HINE CHEN:** MY NAME IS HINE CHEN. I AM WORKING AT THE HUBERT
22 HUMPHREY COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER. AT THIS TIME, I WOULD
23 LIKE TO THANK MY GOD, THAT HE HAS DONE EVERYTHING DONE IN MY
24 LIFE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND I
25 WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY DIRECTOR OF NURSE, IDA COLLINS. I'M NOT



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1 REALLY THAT EXCEPTIONAL NURSE IN HUBERT HUMPHREY BUT THEY GIVE
2 ME A LOT OF SUPPORT AND THEY MADE MY LIFE SO HAPPY WORKING IN
3 THAT AREA. I WOULD LIKE TO WORK IN MY FULL EXTENT OF MY
4 NURSING SKILL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. AND FROM HARBOR
7 U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER, IDA VINAS. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

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9 **IDA VINAS:** OKAY. GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. FIRST AND FOREMOST,
10 I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE TIME TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR BEING
11 HERE TODAY. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ALL OF YOU HAVE
12 APPLIED A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND EFFORT IN BEING HERE. IT IS
13 BECAUSE OF YOU THAT THIS IS A TRUE HONOR. ALL OF YOU NURSES
14 HERE THAT WE ALL TAKE PRIDE IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THIS
15 SYSTEM OF HEALTHCARE. ALTHOUGH I AM HERE TO RECEIVE THE
16 RECOGNITION OF THIS AWARD, IT IS VITAL THAT I RECOGNIZE THAT I
17 WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE THAT I MAKE EVERY DAY
18 WITHOUT THOSE WHO WORK WITH ME. THE TEAM ENVIRONMENT THAT
19 MICHAEL AND I SHARE IN I.C.U. IS TRULY CRITICAL TO MAKE THE
20 DIFFERENCE. IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO
21 DEDICATE THIS AWARD TO THEM, BECAUSE I RECOGNIZE THAT,
22 ALTHOUGH ONE NURSE MAY MAKE KEY CONTRIBUTIONS, IT IS WITHIN
23 THE SYSTEM OF OUR TEAM IN I.C.U. THAT WE POSITIVELY INFLUENCE
24 PEOPLES AND PROVIDE THE BEST CARE THAT PATIENTS DESERVE. THANK
25 YOU AGAIN AND HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. MARIA PEREZ FROM
3 U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER COASTAL CLUSTER CLINICS COULD NOT BE
4 WITH US TODAY BUT WE CONGRATULATE HER AS WELL AND WE'D LIKE TO
5 TAKE A PHOTOGRAPH OF... SUPERVISOR KNABE... OH, WE DIDN'T GET
6 THAT. OKAY. SUPERVISOR KNABE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US
7 BECAUSE WE KIND OF SHARE-- IT MAY BE IN MY DISTRICT BUT
8 IT'S...

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE TO HONOR THREE OF OUR
11 OUTSTANDING NURSES FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT. FIRST OF ALL,
12 JEAN KIRBY FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. [
13 APPLAUSE]

14

15 **JEAN KIRBY:** YES. GOOD MORNING AND I'M HONORED TO BE HERE
16 TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO, FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD, THOUGH, I'D
17 LIKE TO SAY THAT ALL OF THE NURSES AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
18 FIRE DEPARTMENT, AS EDUCATORS, DESERVE THIS HONOR. HOWEVER,
19 THE AGENDA ONLY CALLED FOR ONE OF US TO BE VOTED IN SO I'D
20 LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO MY PEERS FOR VOTING ME TO THIS
21 POSITION TO HONOR THEM AND TO REPRESENT THEM. THANK YOU. [
22 APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OUR NEXT RECIPIENT, MYLA MORENON FROM
25 RANCHO LOS AMIGOS REHABILITATION CENTER IS NOT HERE TODAY BUT



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1 TO ACCEPT THIS SCROLL ON HER BEHALF IS HER NURSE MANAGER,
2 ZENIDA BOSE. DID I SAY THAT CORRECT? ALL RIGHT.

3

4 **ZENIDA BOSE:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. MYLA... I'M PRETTY SURE
5 THAT MYLA WOULD APPRECIATE THE TIME TODAY IF SHE WAS HERE BUT
6 I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR EVERYBODY, AND ESPECIALLY THE
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ESPECIALLY FOR-- TO SUPERVISOR KNABE
8 FOR KEEPING RANCHO OPEN SO WE CAN CONTINUE THE GREAT WORK THAT
9 WE DO AT RANCHO. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT, FROM OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
12 KRISTEN MUNDY. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **KRISTEN MUNDY:** I'M VERY FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO WORK IN A
15 PROGRAM WITHIN PUBLIC HEALTH, ACUTE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE
16 CONTROL PROGRAM, WHOSE PROGRAM GOALS AND MY OWN PERSONAL GOALS
17 ARE ALIGNED IN MY PURSUIT FOR EXCELLENCE AND COMMITMENT TO
18 SERVING THE COMMUNITY. I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
19 THANK THE PEOPLE THAT I WORK WITH WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME
20 TO HAVE THIS RECOGNITION, ESPECIALLY MY SUPERVISOR, DR. DAVID
21 DASSY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, WE
24 HAVE LISA CHAVEZ, WHO IS GRADUATE OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY



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1 COLLEGE, EIGHT YEARS AS A NURSE AND FIVE YEARS AT HIGH DESERT
2 SUBSTANCE ABUSE CLINIC, AND WE CONGRATULATE LISA. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HONGA NUYEN, WHO IS A REGISTERED NURSE,
5 GRADUATE OF PIERCE COLLEGE AND FOUR YEARS AS A NURSE AT THE
6 VALLEY CARE OLIVE VIEW U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LYDIA OMEGA FROM THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
9 RESIDENT WORKS AT THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER IN VAN NUYS,
10 AND SHE'S BEEN A NURSE FOR THE PAST 16 YEARS FOR THE COUNTY OF
11 LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND LINDA WASHINGTON HAS BEEN A NURSE SINCE
14 1988, GRADUATED THE TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE AND RESIDENT OF THE
15 ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS, AND SHE'S A REGISTERED
16 NURSE AT THE JUVENILE HEALTH CENTER'S CHALLENGER MEMORIAL
17 YOUTH CENTER IN LANCASTER. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME DO... SO, AT THIS TIME, ON BEHALF OF
20 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL, THE
21 NURSE'S RECOGNITION WEEK, TO KAREN LYNCH, WHO IS THE CHIEF
22 NURSING OFFICE, RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION
23 CLINIC AND CONGRATULATE HER IN RECEIVING THIS ON BEHALF ALL OF
24 THE NURSES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **KAREN LYNCH:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IT'S A GREAT
2 PLEASURE TO BE HERE ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE NURSES OF LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY. I'D LOVE TO HAVE A DAY WHERE WE COULD HAVE ALL
4 5,000 OR SO PARADE ACROSS THE STAGE BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL
5 WONDERFUL, THEY'RE DEDICATED. YOU SAW MANY HERE TODAY WHO HAVE
6 DEDICATED THEIR LIVES, NOT JUST THEIR CAREER, BUT THEIR LIVES
7 TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND, ON BEHALF OF THE CHIEF NURSING
8 OFFICERS, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE EVERY LAST ONE OF THOSE NURSES.
9 WE DO SO AT OUR OWN FACILITIES AND THIS IS A WEEK OF
10 CELEBRATION, NOT TO MENTION THAT, PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE MONTH,
11 WE TRY AND CELEBRATE THE FACT THAT WE ARE A DIVERSE GROUP,
12 DIVERSE WORKFORCE, WE WORK IN MANY AREAS ACROSS LOS ANGELES,
13 FROM CLINICS TO HOSPITALS TO THE JUVENILE AREAS AND ON AND ON
14 GOES THE LIST. BUT WE DO APPRECIATE THE RECOGNITION AND WE ARE
15 HERE TO SERVE AND THANK YOU SO MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. GARTHWAITE? DR. GARTHWAITE, DIRECTOR OF
18 HEALTH.

19

20 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO JUST ECHO WHAT
21 THE-- WAS JUST SAID BECAUSE I THINK THAT, MORE AND MORE WE SEE
22 IN THE TIME OF GREAT NURSING SHORTAGE, THAT IT'S CRITICALLY
23 IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT ONLY ATTRACT EVERY NURSE THAT WE CAN BUT
24 WE RETAIN EVERY NURSE THAT WE CAN. WE ARE COMPLETELY DEDICATED
25 TO THAT FORMULA IN THE DEPARTMENT. WE HOPE THAT ALL THE NURSES



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1 HERE WILL GO OUT AND HELP US RECRUIT ADDITIONAL NURSES BECAUSE
2 WE REALLY NEED THAT TO DELIVER CARE TO THE CITIZENS OF LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND HAVE A GREAT MONTH.
4 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE TWO OF OUR
7 COUNTY EMPLOYEES, GINGER BARNARD AND CHRIS VIGUERIA, BOTH OF
8 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF PROTOCOL, FOR THEIR RECENT
9 ELECTIONS TO POSITIONS WITH PROTOCOL AND DIPLOMACY
10 INTERNATIONAL, WHICH IS AN INTERNATIONAL PROTOCOL ASSOCIATION.
11 GINGER, THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL, WAS
12 ELECTED TO A TWO-YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT, AND CHRIS, AS
13 DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS, WHO WAS ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF
14 DIRECTORS. THEY HAVE PLANNED EVENTS AND ITINERARIES FOR
15 NUMEROUS CHIEFS OF STAFFS, HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, MEMBERS OF
16 ROYAL FAMILIES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL DIGNITARIES FROM THE
17 KING AND QUEEN OF SPAIN, THE EMPEROR AND KING OF-- EMPEROR OF--
18 - EMPRESS OF JAPAN AND OTHER DIGNITARIES, INCLUDING THE
19 PRESIDENTS OF ARMENIA, CHINA, SPAIN, AND THE PRIME MINISTERS
20 OF AUSTRALIA-- AUSTRIA, JAPAN, AND KOREA. AND GINGER, WHO HAS
21 BEEN WITH THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL FOR 21 YEARS, WHERE SHE IS
22 RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISON WITH THE 87 COUNTRIES THAT COMPRISE
23 LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S CONSULATE CORPS, THE SECOND LARGEST IN
24 THE UNITED STATES, AND THE THIRD LARGEST CONSULATE CORPS IN
25 THE WORLD, WHERE MANY OF OUR CONSULATES HOLD THE RANK OF



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1 AMBASSADOR. CHRIS HAS DEVELOPED COUNTY ITINERARIES FOR
2 INTERNATIONAL VISITORS REPRESENTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
3 AT EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE CONSULAR COMMUNITY AND PLANNED
4 COORDINATED EVENTS FOR THE CONSULAR CORPS LADIES ASSOCIATION.
5 AS THE ONE WHO INITIATED THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL, I'M VERY
6 PLEASED AT THE PROFESSIONALISM AND THE ABILITY OF GINGER AND
7 CHRIS AND SANDY AUSMAN'S ABILITY TO HOST THESE VARIOUS
8 INTERNATIONAL FORUMS, CONFERENCES, AND VISITORS TO OUR COUNTY.
9 AND SO, GINGER, LET ME GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION FIRST. [
10 APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND CHRIS, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS. [
13 APPLAUSE]

14

15 **GINGER BARNARD:** THANK YOU. I'M VERY HUMBLLED TO RECEIVE THIS
16 RECOGNITION. IT WAS A GREAT HONOR TO BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF
17 THE INTERNATIONAL PROTOCOL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION BUT IT
18 WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE, OF COURSE, WITHOUT THE 21 YEARS
19 OF EXPERIENCE I'VE HAD WORKING ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS TO HOST AND PLAN EVENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL
21 DIGNITARIES AND DO LIAISON WITH THE CONSULAR CORPS. IT'S BEEN
22 A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO WORK IN THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL AND IT'S
23 BEEN A TEAM EFFORT, AND WE HAVE TWO OF OUR OTHER TEAM MEMBERS
24 IN THE AUDIENCE: CINDY MENDOZA AND SANDY TORRES, WITHOUT WHOM
25 CHRIS AND I COULDN'T DO THIS JOB. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **GINGER BARNARD:** BUT I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS FOR THE SUPPORT THEY HAVE GIVEN TO THE OFFICE OF
4 PROTOCOL AND FOR THEIR RECOGNITION AS TO HOW IMPORTANT THE
5 INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BUSINESS AND TRADE AND TOURISM IS TO
6 OUR COUNTY'S VIABILITY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **CHRIS VIGUERIA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS RECOGNITION.
9 I AM HUMBLY ACCEPTING IT. I HAVE ENJOYED SERVING THE BOARD IN
10 THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL AND HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH THE 86
11 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN THE L.A. CONSULAR CORPS. AND, AGAIN,
12 I WANT TO ECHO THE VOICES OF THE NURSES SAYING I COULD NOT
13 HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT THE MANY, MANY COUNTY EMPLOYEES THAT I
14 WORK WITH ON A DAILY BASIS WHO HELP ME PLAN ITINERARIES IN THE
15 VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. SO I THANK THE SUPERVISORS AND
16 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS-- COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR ASSEMBLING A
17 COUNTY WORKFORCE THAT IS DEDICATED AND HARD WORKING. THANK
18 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF OUR
21 EDUCATORS AND THAT IS DONALD HAYES FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
22 COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR HER WORK WITH KATHY'S
23 WORKFORCE STUDENTS AT THE SOLE COUNSELOR AT HOLLENCREST MIDDLE
24 SCHOOL IN WEST COVINA IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. DURING THE
25 PAST SEVEN YEARS AT HOLLENCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL, KATHY HAS



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1 CREATED BULLY- PROOFING OF OUR SCHOOL WEEK, WHICH INCORPORATES
2 DAILY LESSONS ON THE RISING INCIDENCE OF ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR
3 AMONG MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS. STUDENTS IDENTIFIED AS BULLIES
4 WHO PICK ON OTHERS BECAUSE IT MAKES THEM FEEL MORE POWERFUL OR
5 ACTING OUT SCENES IN VIOLENT MOVIES OR VIDEO GAMES, ARE PUT
6 THROUGH A TWO-MONTH ANGER MANAGEMENT COURSE. HER JOB ALSO
7 INCLUDES SCHEDULING CLASSES AND MEETING WITH EDUCATORS,
8 PARENTS, AND STUDENTS DURING REGULAR CONFERENCES ON AN
9 INDIVIDUAL BASIS, THAT SHE OFTEN TAKES HOME TO FINISH AT NIGHT
10 AND ON WEEKENDS. SO, AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE ALSO-- WITH KATHY
11 IS WALLY COOK, WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL OF HOLLENCREST MIDDLE
12 SCHOOL. KATHY? [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **KATHY TURNEY:** I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HONORING ME
15 TODAY. I AM HERE REPRESENTING OVER A THOUSAND SCHOOL
16 COUNSELORS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WHO WORK EVERY
17 DAY VERY HARD TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN NOT ONLY SUCCEED
18 ACADEMICALLY, BUT EMOTIONALLY. I'M ONE OF THOSE LUCKY PEOPLE
19 THAT LOVES TO GO TO WORK EVERY DAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [
20 APPLAUSE]

21

22 **WALLY COOK:** ON BEHALF OF THE WEST COVINA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
23 HOLLENCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL, WE, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE
24 CATHY BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE REAL REASON I WAS HERE IS, IN



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1 CASE SHE FAINTED, I WAS GOING TO PICK HER UP AND FAN HER TO
2 RECOVERY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ONE OF OUR
5 GREAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFFS, JOSE OVALLE, WHO
6 RESCUED A VICTIM WHO WAS TRAPPED IN A BURNING VEHICLE. ON
7 APRIL 13TH, AROUND 2:30 A.M., HE WAS OFF DUTY AND DRIVING
8 NORTHBOUND ON THE 5 FREEWAY WHEN HE NOTICED A VEHICLE STOPPED
9 IN THE CENTER DIVIDER FULLY ENGULFED IN FLAMES NEAR RIVERSIDE
10 DRIVE. NOTICING THAT THERE WERE NO EMERGENCY VEHICLES AROUND
11 OR PERSONNEL AT THE SCENE, HE CAME BACK AND RENDERED
12 ASSISTANCE. AS HE APPROACHED THE VEHICLE, HE NOTICED A FEMALE
13 VICTIM WHO WAS TRAPPED WITH HER HAIR ON FIRE. HE IMMEDIATELY
14 RETRIEVED A CROW BAR FROM HIS VEHICLE, BROKE OUT THE REAR
15 WINDOW AND RESCUED THE VICTIM. HE THEN QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED
16 HER BURNING HAIR AND CLOTHES AND MOVED HER TO A POSITION OF
17 SAFETY AND WAITED UNTIL THE EMERGENCY PERSONNEL ARRIVED. THE
18 CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS WHO RESPONDED TO THE
19 INCIDENT STATED THAT HIS QUICK ACTION SAVED THE LIFE OF THIS
20 TRAPPED VICTIM, WHO ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE PERISHED HAD
21 DEPUTY OVALLE NOT PULLED HER FROM THE BURNING VEHICLE WHICH
22 CAUSED BURNS TO THE VICTIM'S HEAD. AND ATTENDING THE-- TODAY
23 IS HIS CAPTAIN, ART NIG, AND ALSO HIS MOTHER, SONYA OVALLE,
24 AND HIS GIRLFRIEND, CYNTHIA DE LA CRUZ. SO, JOSE,
25 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **JOSE OVALLE:** THANK YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH AND BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS FOR THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF RECEIVING THIS
4 AWARD. I JUST DID WHAT ANY OTHER L.A. COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF
5 WOULD HAVE DONE. WE'RE TRAINED TO HELP PEOPLE AND IT'S IN THE
6 TRADITION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO HELP PEOPLE IN THE
7 COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NOW, YOU'VE ALL HEARD OF BLACK BART.
10 WELL, THIS IS ORANGE BART. THIS IS A EIGHT WEEK OLD DOMESTIC
11 LONG HAIR NAMED BART WHO IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO IF ANYBODY
12 WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT BART, SHE'S EIGHT WEEKS OLD. SEE
13 EVERYBODY? SEE EVERYBODY OUT THERE? SO THOSE AT HOME WATCHING
14 CAN CALL AREA CODE (562)728-4644 OR THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO
15 WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE BART. SO, SEE EVERYBODY? WANT TO
16 SAY SOMETHING? ANYBODY FOR BART? THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. WOW.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME JUST A SECOND, SUPERVISOR. COULD
23 I ASK EVERYONE IF YOU WOULD JUST SORT OF KEEP THE NOISE DOWN
24 SO WE COULD GIVE THE PROPER RECOGNITION TO OUR HONOREES,
25 PLEASE. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, WE'RE VERY PROUD TO PRESENT THIS NEXT GROUP
3 OF FOLKS. THEY'RE ALL COMING UP. THESE ARE YOUR CHAMPIONS OF
4 THE DAY. WE'RE VERY PROUD. THIS IS ST. THOMAS AQUINAS BOYS'
5 BASKETBALL TEAMS AND THE NEW 2004 CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION
6 CHAMPIONSHIP. CONGRATULATIONS, GENTLEMEN. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF
7 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, THIS IS A TREMENDOUS ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR
10 THESE YOUNG MEN AND IT CERTAINLY IS A SYMBOL OF WHAT SPORTS
11 CAN DO TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM. THESE ARE YOUNG PEOPLE
12 WHO HAVE LEARNED THEIR LESSONS WELL, UNDERSTAND THEIR
13 RESPONSIBILITY AND THEIR DUTY AND THEY'RE VERY DEDICATED, AND
14 I CONGRATULATE THEM FOR THEIR PERSEVERANCE. THEY'VE DONE AN
15 EXCELLENT JOB AND SO WE'RE VERY, VERY PROUD OF THEM. THIS TEAM
16 IS COACHED BY A GENTLEMEN WHO HAS BEEN A REAL INSPIRATION TO
17 EACH AND EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM, MR. MANUEL GONZALEZ. COACH
18 GONZALEZ HAS SACRIFICED COUNTLESS WEEKENDS AND PERSONAL TIME
19 IN ORDER TO MOLD THESE BOYS INTO THE CHAMPIONSHIP UNIT THAT
20 THEY ARE. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEP APPRECIATION AND
21 GRATITUDE TO COACH GONZALEZ FOR LEADING THESE YOUNG MEN INTO
22 CHAMPIONSHIP. AND SO WE WANT TO PRESENT A SCROLL TO HIM. [
23 APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** BEFORE I LET ALL OF THEM SPEAK, I WANT TO MAKE
2 SOME OF THE OTHER PRESENTATIONS AS WELL. THE SPORTS DIRECTOR
3 HAS ALSO PROVIDED AN AWFUL LOT OF SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO
4 THIS TEAM AND CERTAINLY TO THE YOUNG MEN, AND WE WANT TO
5 ACKNOWLEDGE THE SPORTS DIRECTORS OF THE SCHOOL, GEORGE
6 RETHANA, AND PRINCIPAL RITA DURAN FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK.
7 [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH.
10 CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF YOU. OKAY. AND I WANT TO MAKE
11 PRESENTATIONS TO EACH OF THESE YOUNG MEN. I HOPE WE HAVE THEM
12 ALL IN ORDER. THESE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF THEIR
13 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ALL THE PARENTS ARE HERE TAKING ALL--
14 SNAPPING THESE PICTURES. LET ME BEGIN WITH NICOLAS IGEEVA.
15 NICOLAS, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE HAVE CHRISTOPHER BURKE. CHRISTOPHER? [
18 APPLAUSE]

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS. SIDNEY BURKE. [APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS, SIDNEY. JOSHUA GOMBALVO. [
23 APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS, SIR. JUSTIN QUADDIS. [APPLAUSE
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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS. DENNIS LIMB. DENNIS,
5 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND BRANDON BARGA. BRANDON? [APPLAUSE]

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS. THERE YOU GO. VALENTIN RAMIREZ.
10 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** CHRISTIAN ROBLISS. [APPLAUSE]

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** TYREE TUMOR. CONGRATULATIONS, SIR. ANDREW VARGAS.
15 [APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SIR. CONGRATULATIONS. AND WESLEY
18 LAING-- WANG. EXCUSE ME, SIR. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** BEFORE I LET THEM GO, I WANT TO CALL UP THE COACH
21 TO SHARE A COUPLE OF WORDS, IF YOU WOULD. WE'RE VERY PROUD, WE
22 CONGRATULATE YOU BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE KNOW THE KIND OF
23 PERSONAL TIME THAT YOU'VE TAKEN TO HELP THESE YOUNG MEN AND
24 WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE CONTRIBUTION YOU'VE MADE IN LEADING
25 THEM TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP, SO PLEASE SHARE A FEW WORDS.



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2 **MANUAL GONZALES:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE PARENTS FOR
3 ALLOWING ME TO-- OR GIVING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF COACHING YOUR
4 KIDS. SECOND, I WANT TO THANK THE PRINCIPAL, MISS RITA DURAN,
5 THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, GEORGE, FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY
6 TO COACH AT ST. THOMAS, AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS FOR THIS AWARD AND THE AWARD IN-- PRESENTING THESE
8 KIDS WITH THESE AWARDS. THEY'VE EARNED IT. THEY'VE WORKED
9 REALLY HARD FOR IT AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO SAY EXCEPT
10 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS. LET'S TAKE ONE PICTURE. I GOT
13 HIGH HEELS ON. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. EVERYBODY A LITTLE CLOSER. ALL RIGHT.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO THEY GET FREE TICKETS? THEY'RE ENTITLED. IS
18 THAT THE LAST PICTURE? THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR BURKE, DO YOU HAVE
21 ANY PRESENTATIONS? OKAY. THEN WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.

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23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND MR. CHAIRMAN, I'LL ASK ALL THOSE WHO
24 PLAN TO TESTIFY ON ANY OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS TO PLEASE



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1 STAND, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND, AND BE SWORN IN. [ADMINISTERING
2 OATH]

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED. ITEM NUMBER
5 1, HEARING ON THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE ANNUAL REPORT FOR
6 FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005 FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SEWER
7 MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS AND INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL SEWER PRICE
8 CHARGE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, AND AN
9 INCREASE IN THE ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE
10 ACCUMULATIVE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND OF THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER
11 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT. AND, MR. CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE RECEIVED
12 WRITTEN PROTEST ON THIS ITEM.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND WE DO HAVE A REQUIRED STAFF
15 STATEMENT ON THIS AS WELL AS WE HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS
16 ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS. SO WE'LL HAVE STAFF HEAR THE
17 PRESENTATION, THEN I WOULD INVITE MRS. LOIS THOMPSON TO COME
18 FORWARD, PLEASE.

19

20 **MANNY DELRAY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MANNY DELRAY. I'M
21 ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH PUBLIC WORKS.

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23 **KEITH LAYTO:** MY NAME IS KEITH LAYTO AND I'M A PRINCIPAL
24 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR
25 WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS TO APPROVE THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE



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1 ANNUAL REPORT WHICH PROVIDES FOR MAINTAINING SEWER SERVICE
2 CHARGES IN THE COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS AT THE
3 RECURRENT RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005, EXCEPT FOR THE
4 FOLLOWING TWO INCREASES: TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE
5 CHARGE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT BY
6 \$5.00, FROM \$17.50 TO \$22.50 PER SEWAGE UNIT; TO INCREASE THE
7 ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE ACCUMULATIVE
8 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND OF THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE
9 DISTRICT BY \$4.00, FROM \$4.00 TO \$8.00 PER SEWAGE UNIT, AND TO
10 CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL.
11 SEWER SERVICE ANNUAL CHARGE REPORT WAS PREPARED IN MY OFFICE
12 AND UNDER MY DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY TO
13 INCREASE THE ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED
14 SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT TO OFFSET RISING OPERATION AND
15 MAINTENANCE COSTS, TO INCREASE THE ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SEWER
16 SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE ACCUMULATIVE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND OF
17 THAT DISTRICT, TO ESTABLISH A CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM AND
18 TO RETAIN ALL OTHER SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AT THEIR EXISTING
19 RATES. IN MY OPINION, IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO COLLECT
20 ALL THE SEWER CHARGES WITHIN THE COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE
21 DISTRICTS ON THE TAX ROLL BECAUSE IT PROVIDES FOR THE MOST
22 ORDERLY COLLECTION OF SUCH CHARGES FROM EFFECTIVE PROPERTY
23 OWNERS. IN MY OPINION, THE CHARGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY IMPOSED
24 AND WE ARE AWARE OF 17 WRITTEN PROTESTS.
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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'LL TAKE THE TESTIMONY NOW. OKAY. MRS.
2 THOMPSON.

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4 **LOIS THOMPSON:** MY NAME IS MRS. LOIS EVELYN THOMPSON. I HAVE
5 NINE ITEMS OF CONCERN. IN THE 2002 NOTICE FOR PROPOSED SERVICE
6 CHARGE INCREASES, THIS CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT
7 STATED THERE ARE ABOUT 90 MILES OF SEWER LINES REMAINING TO BE
8 REHABILITATED OVER THE NEXT 13 YEARS. THE DISTRICT IS NOW IN
9 THE THIRD YEAR OF THE 13-YEAR REHABILITATION PROCESS. WHAT
10 JURISDICTIONS ARE THE 90 MILES OF SEWER LINES LOCATED? HOW
11 MANY SEWAGE UNITS ARE INVOLVED? AND HOW ARE THE MILES OF SEWER
12 LINES IDENTIFIED THAT ARE IN NEED OF REHABILITATION? TWO, IT
13 IS NOT CLEAR TO ME WHY THE COUNTY CAN'T USE THE CURRENT
14 PERSONNEL IT HAS NOW FOR THE 816,000 SEWAGE UNITS BEING
15 SERVICED BY THE DISTRICT INSTEAD OF ADDING ANOTHER LAYER OF
16 BUREAUCRACY BY ESTABLISHING A CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM,
17 THEN BURNING TAXPAYERS WITH AN INCREASE ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE.
18 WHY CAN'T CURRENT PERSONNEL BE USED? THREE, THE ACCUMULATE OF
19 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND ESTIMATES THE ANNUAL COST FOR THE
20 CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IS \$3 MILLION FOR APPROXIMATELY
21 816,000 SEWAGE UNITS SERVICED BY THE DISTRICT. SINCE THE
22 DISTRICT IS USING ESTIMATES AND APPROXIMATES, WHEN I DIVIDED
23 THE THREE MILLION BY THE NUMBER OF APPROXIMATE SEWAGE UNITS,
24 THE ANSWER IS \$3.67. THEREFORE, THE DISTRICT IS OVERCHARGING
25 BURDEN TAXPAYERS 33 CENTS MORE. FOUR, DOES ANY OF THE



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1 ACCUMULATIVE CAPITAL OUTLAY GO TO ANY JURISDICTIONS? FIVE,
2 SINCE EACH CITY WOULD BE APPRAISED AS TO THE CONDITION OF
3 THEIR SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM AND WILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY
4 OF UPGRADING THE DETERIORATED SECTION WITHIN THEIR
5 JURISDICTION, HOW DOES THE DISTRICT DETERMINE WHAT PERCENTAGE
6 OF THE A.C.M. GOES TO THE CITY FOR UPGRADING? SIX, IN WHAT
7 ACCOUNT DOES THE COUNTY KEEP THE BALANCE TO BE USED TO FUND
8 UNEXPECTED SYSTEM DAMAGE, EQUIPMENT PLACEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE
9 REVENUE FOR LAWSUITS AND LITIGATIONS? SEVEN, HOW IS THE MONEY
10 AND ANY INTEREST IT GENERATES ALLOCATED IF IT IS NOT USED FOR
11 SYSTEM DAMAGE, EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND OR PROVIDE REVENUE
12 FOR LAWSUITS AND LITIGATION? EIGHT, THE FIVE-DOLLAR INCREASE
13 THE DISTRICT IS REQUESTING FAR EXCEEDS THE INCREASE OF THE
14 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AS WELL AS THE PRODUCER PRICE INDEX. IT
15 IS NOT CLEAR TO ME WHY THE DISTRICT IS UNABLE TO MENTION AN
16 INCREASE OF \$1.50 OR \$19 PER SEWAGE UNIT. AN INCREASE OF \$1.50
17 SHOULD ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCE TO
18 HANDLE ANY EXIGENCIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR EQUIPMENT
19 REPLACEMENT. THE INTEREST THAT ANY OF THIS MONEY GENERATES
20 THEN NEEDS TO BE PLACED IN AN ACCOUNT TO HANDLE ANY LAWSUITS
21 OR LITIGATIONS. AND, AT \$1.50 WITH THIS APPROXIMATION OF
22 816,000 UNITS, THAT COMES TO \$1,224,000 A YEAR AND THAT WOULD
23 BE \$102,000 PER MONTH. THANK YOU.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.



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2 **MANNY DELRAY:** THE CURRENT A.C.O. PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED BACK
3 IN 1987. IT WAS CREATED TO BASICALLY ALLOW US TO REHABILITATE
4 DAMAGED SEWER LINES. AT THAT TIME, WE HAD GONE THROUGH AND DID
5 A INSPECTION OF THE SEWER SYSTEM. THIS INSPECTION WAS
6 BASICALLY-- CONSISTED OF A MANHOLE INSPECTION TO IDENTIFY
7 WHERE THERE WERE CEMENT PIPE SEWERS THAT NEEDED TO BE
8 REHABILITATED. THE SEWERS ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE
9 CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, WHICH IS BASICALLY
10 ALL OF THE SEWER PORTIONS OF THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREA
11 AND 40 CITIES THAT BASICALLY HAVE ASKED THAT WE PROVIDE THE
12 SERVICE FOR THEM UNDER A CONSENT JURISDICTION. THE FUND THAT
13 IS-- THAT-- WHERE WE KEEP THE MONIES FOR THE CONSOLIDATED
14 SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT IS GA-9 AND J-14, IT'S A FUND
15 THAT'S MANAGED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, AND ANY INTEREST THAT IS
16 GENERATED STAYS WITHIN THE FUND. ALL OF THE MONIES THAT ARE
17 COLLECTED FROM THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES GO INTO THESE FUNDS
18 AND IS USED STRICTLY FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE
19 CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT. THE PROJECTS ARE
20 THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. ANYWHERE THROUGHOUT THE
21 UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREA, WE HAVE PROJECTS AND WE ALSO HAVE
22 PROJECTS WITHIN THE 40 CITIES THAT WE HAVE PROVIDED SERVICE
23 TO. THE RATE INCREASE THAT WE'RE PROPOSING, THE \$9.00, IS
24 BROKEN UP INTO TWO PARTS: IT'S A \$5.00 RATE INCREASE WHICH IS
25 FOR OUR CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, OUR OPERATION



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1 AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. IN THERE, WE ARE ASKING FOR \$3.00 TO-
2 - BASICALLY, TO ALLOW US PROVIDING THE SERVICE THAT WE
3 CONTINUE TO-- CURRENTLY PROVIDE. WE ARE ALSO ASKING FOR A
4 DOLLAR TO ALLOW US TO BASICALLY IMPROVE AND KEEP OUR
5 SPECIALIZED FLEET OF EQUIPMENT IN GOOD REPAIR. THE EQUIPMENT
6 THAT WE USE IS VERY SPECIALIZED, THE ROUTER TRUCKS AND THE
7 HYDRO TRUCKS COST, YOU KNOW, OVER A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.
8 THE HYDRO TRUCKS COST \$250,000. WE GOT SEVERAL OF THOSE AT OUR
9 YARDS AND TO REPAIR THOSE AND REPLACE THEM ON A REGULAR CYCLE
10 IS NEEDED. WE NEED THE A.C.O. PROGRAM FOR THE CONDITION
11 ASSESSMENT PROGRAM. THAT'S \$400 OF THE RATE INCREASE. WE ARE
12 ASKING-- WE WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH A CONDITION ASSESSMENT
13 PROGRAM TO ALLOW US TO COMPLY WITH THE PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL
14 PROTECTION AGENCIES AND THE ORIGINAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL
15 BOARDS, SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW REGULATIONS. IN THESE
16 REGULATIONS, THEY BASICALLY REQUIRE THAT ALL SEWER OWNERS AND
17 OPERATORS BE PROACTIVE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR
18 INFRASTRUCTURE. THEY BASICALLY SPELL OUT THAT THEY EXPECT
19 SEWER OWNERS AND OPERATORS HAVE A CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
20 WHERE THEY WILL ANNUALLY VIDEOTAPE THE SEWER LINES TO KNOW THE
21 CONDITION OF THE INTERIOR OF THE PIPES. THAT IS A PROGRAM THAT
22 WE CURRENTLY DO NOT PROVIDE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I HAVE A QUESTION. I MEAN, IN THE FUTURE,
2 CAN THESE RATES BE REDUCED SHOULD THESE FUNDS BE SUFFICIENT,
3 THESE INCREASES?

4

5 **MANNY DELRAY:** YEAH. EVERY YEAR, WE COME BACK TO THE BOARD
6 EVERY YEAR WITH AN ANNUAL REPORT AND...

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU ASKED FOR AN
9 INCREASE?

10

11 **MANNY DELRAY:** WE ASKED FOR IT IN 2002/2003.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WITH THAT, WE CAN CLOSE THE PUBLIC
14 HEARING.

15

16 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** THE MATTER IS BEFORE YOU. THERE ARE NO
17 BALLOTS IN THIS.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL THEN SET THIS ASIDE. WE'LL
20 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SET IT A SIDE, BECAUSE IT'S A FOUR-
21 VOTE ITEM. OKAY. THEN, BEFORE WE GO TO ITEM NUMBER TWO, I--
22 THANK YOU, MRS. THOMPSON. THEN I'M GOING TO ASK ITEM NUMBER
23 17, THERE WAS A COUPLE SPEAKERS ON THE-- OR A SPEAKER.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'RE GOING TO 17? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE DOING?



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH. DELY ARNOLD FROM HAMILTON HIGH AND
3 SUSAN RABINOUIT. IF THEY'D COME FORWARD.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I HAVE TWO CARDS AND I HAVE 12 PEOPLE
6 UP HERE.

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8 **SUSAN RABINOUIT:** RIGHT. YOU'LL FIGURE IF OUT.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT?

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12 **SUSAN RABINOUIT:** UH HUH.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

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16 **SUSAN RABINOUIT:** THERE'S ONLY THREE OF US WHO ARE GOING TO
17 SPEAK. I JUST WANTED TO INTRODUCE...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. PLEASE PROCEED.

20

21 **SUSAN RABINOUIT:** MY NAME IS SUSAN RABINOUIT AND I'M THE
22 ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ADOLESCENT MEDICINE AT CHILDREN'S
23 HOSPITAL, LOS ANGELES, AND I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS FOR DECLARING MAY AS NATIONAL TEEN PREGNANCY
25 PREVENTION MONTH AND JOINING WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND



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1 THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CITIES AND
2 COUNTIES AND COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES IN
3 JOINING IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE TEEN PREGNANCY AND PROVIDE
4 YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE SERVICES AND THE SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED
5 IN ORDER TO GROW UP TO BE HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE ADULTS.
6 DESPITE THE RECENT DECLINE IN TEEN PREGNANCY IN CALIFORNIA,
7 MORE THAN 55,000 TEENS IN CALIFORNIA WILL HAVE BABIES IN THIS
8 YEAR AND THE CURRENT ANNUAL COST TO TAXPAYERS IS ESTIMATED TO
9 BE 1.5 BILLION. LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE REST OF THE STATE
10 ARE AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE IN TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION
11 EFFORTS. AS WE FACE LOOMING BUDGET CRISES AND A BURGEONING
12 YOUTH POPULATION, ADULTS, LEGISLATORS, POLICY MAKERS HAVE AN
13 OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE EDUCATION,
14 OPPORTUNITIES, AND HEALTH SERVICES THEY NEED IN ORDER TO
15 PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY. I'M HERE WITH TWO PEOPLE TODAY WHO
16 HAVE JOINED TOGETHER WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND WITH YOUTH
17 AND ADULTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY TO WORK TOGETHER TO PREVENT
18 TEEN PREGNANCY IN OUR COMMUNITY. FIRST, JENNA BAUMAN, WHO IS
19 THE DIRECTOR OF THE HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY TEEN PROJECT IS GOING
20 TO SPEAK. AND THE HOLLYWOOD TEEN COMMUNITY PROJECT IS PART OF
21 THE EFFORT OF THE CALIFORNIA WELLNESS FOUNDATION TO PREVENT
22 TEEN PREGNANCY IN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. AND THEN
23 DELLE ARNOLD, WHO IS A YOUNG PERSON WHO IS A GRADUATING HIGH
24 SCHOOL SENIOR FROM HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL, THE MOTHER OF A ONE-
25 YEAR-OLD, THE PROUD MOTHER OF A ONE-YEAR-OLD, AND PARTICIPANT



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1 IN PROJECT NAY-TEEN, ONE OF THE FIVE ADOLESCENT FAMILY LIFE
2 PROGRAMS, CAL-LEARN PROGRAMS IN L.A. COUNTY IS GOING TO SPEAK.
3 AND I JUST WANTED TO INTRODUCE THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE UP
4 HERE WITH ME TODAY. WE HAVE CARLA HILL, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF
5 PROJECT NAY-TEEN, THE ADOLESCENT FAMILY LIFE CAL-LEARN PROGRAM
6 AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. I HAVE DORLA WATSON, WHO IS THE
7 DIRECTOR OF THE YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTER, WHICH PROVIDES
8 A.F.L.P. SERVICES IN THE SOUTH BAY, LONG BEACH, WILMINGTON
9 COMMUNITIES, SORT OF SERVE THE SOUTH BAY AREA TO CULVER CITY.
10 I HAVE TRACY LAVIGNE, WHO IS THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE
11 HOLLYWOOD TEEN COMMUNITY PROJECT. AND ZOSHI IBARRA, WHO WORKS
12 AT ULTIMATE HEALTH SERVICES, PROVIDING SUPPORT SERVICES TO
13 PREGNANT TEENS AND TEEN PARENTS IN THE EAST LOS ANGELES AREA.
14 AND IT'S BEEN VERY IMPORTANT TO THE ADOLESCENT LIFE PROGRAMS
15 IN THE COUNTY TO JOIN IN THE EFFORT TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY
16 AND REDUCE TEEN PREGNANCY. AND, WHILE THE PROGRAMS WORK
17 TOGETHER TO PROMOTE SCHOOL SUCCESS, ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND
18 ECONOMIC EMPLOYMENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY FOR YOUNG PARENTS, WE
19 ALSO WORK HARD TOGETHER TO PRODUCE-- TO PREVENT SUBSEQUENT
20 PREGNANCIES AMONG TEEN PARENTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. JENNA?

21

22 **JENNA BAUMAN:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
23 DECLARING MAY AS TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH IN LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY. WE KNOW THAT EACH OF YOU HAS DEDICATED
25 YOURSELVES TO SERVING THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY AND WE THANK



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1 YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS MONUMENTAL TASK. IN THE CURRENT CLIMATE
2 OF LIMITED FUNDING AND COMPETING PRIORITIES, IT MAY SEEM LIKE
3 A STRETCH TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING OR EVEN EXPANDING PROJECTS
4 THAT MIGHT SEEM NON-URGENT, LIKE PREGNANCY PREVENTION,
5 ESPECIALLY WHEN, AS SUSAN SAID, THE PREGNANCY RATES HAVE
6 DROPPED IN CALIFORNIA BY 40% IN THE LAST 10 YEARS. HOWEVER,
7 AND I HOPE YOU'LL REMEMBER THIS, ONE OUT OF EVERY THREE TEEN
8 GIRLS STILL BECOMES PREGNANT BEFORE THEY TURN 20 AND, AS IF
9 THAT ISN'T ENOUGH, AMONG LATINAS, IT'S ONE OUT OF TWO GIRLS
10 BECOME PREGNANT BEFORE THEY TURN 20. BOTH RESEARCH AND
11 EXPERIENCE TELL US THAT TEEN PREGNANCY AND OTHER CONSEQUENCES
12 OF UNPROTECTED SEX OFTEN HAVE AN IMPACT FOR LIFE. AND, UNLIKE
13 THE REMARKABLE YOUNG WOMEN THAT YOU'LL HEAR FROM NEXT, 80% OF
14 TEEN MOMS WILL NEVER FINISH HIGH SCHOOL AND MOST OF THEM WILL
15 RAISE THEIR CHILDREN IN POVERTY WITH VERY FEW RESOURCES. THE
16 COUNTY PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE IN PREGNANCY PREVENTION BY
17 PROVIDING ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE OF L.A.
18 WHO NEED THEM AND BY SUPPORTING PROGRAMS THAT HELP TEEN
19 PARENTS AND FAMILIES TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. THE COUNTY
20 HAS THE CAPACITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TEEN PREGNANCY AND
21 CAN CONTINUE DOING SO IN FOUR WAYS THAT I'VE LISTED BUT I'M
22 SURE THERE ARE OTHER WAYS AS WELL. BY PROVIDING CONFIDENTIAL
23 AND FREE OR LOW COST FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES FOR TEENS,
24 INCLUDING ACCESS TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION; BY OFFERING THESE
25 SERVICES IN LOCATIONS AND IN WAYS THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE AND



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1 FRIENDLY FOR TEEN USERS; BY CONTINUING TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS,
2 LIKE THE ADOLESCENT FAMILY LIFE OF CAL-LEARN PROGRAM THAT
3 PROVIDE CRITICAL SERVICES AND RESOURCES AND SUPPORT FOR TEENS
4 THAT DO BECOME PREGNANT; AND BY URGING POLICYMAKERS IN
5 SACRAMENTO TO CONTINUE REFUSING FEDERAL DOLLARS FOR
6 ABSTINENCE-ONLY EDUCATION, WHICH IS ONE OF THE PRIMARY REASONS
7 THAT CALIFORNIA'S BEEN ABLE TO REDUCE OUR TEEN PREGNANCY RATES
8 BY 40% IN THE LAST 10 YEARS, WHICH IS MORE THAN ANY OTHER
9 STATE BESIDES ALASKA. WE MUST NOT BECOME COMPLACENT ABOUT TEEN
10 PREGNANCY PREVENTION NOW IF WE WANT TO HELP YOUNG WOMEN LIKE
11 DELLE, WHO YOU'LL HEAR FROM NEXT, AND THE REST OF OUR GIRLS TO
12 STAY HEALTHY, TO STAY IN SCHOOL, AND TO EXPERIENCE THE HOPE
13 FOR THE FUTURE THAT ALL OF OUR CHILDREN DESERVE. THANK YOU FOR
14 YOUR TIME, AND I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE DELLE ARNOLD.

15

16 **DELY ARNOLD:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DELLE ARNOLD AND I AM A TEEN
17 PARENT AT PROGRAM NAY-TEEN AND OTHER A.F.L.P.S WHICH HAVE BEEN
18 GREAT PROGRAMS PROVIDING YOUNG TEEN PARENTS, INCLUDING MYSELF,
19 WITH THE MARVELOUS OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED IN LIFE AND REALIZE
20 THAT BECOMING A PARENT AT A YOUNG AGE IS NOT AN ENDING, BUT
21 THE BEGINNING TO A WONDERFUL FUTURE WITH THE APPROPRIATE JOB
22 TRAINING SKILLS AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF KNOWING THAT EDUCATION IS
23 THE KEY TO SUCCESS. THANK YOU.

24

25 **JENNA BAUMAN:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO SAY... [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW THAT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE'RE BEING
5 ATTENTIVE. THERE'S JUST SO MUCH GOING ON THIS MORNING. BUT I
6 WANT TO SAY THAT I TAKE TREMENDOUS PRIDE IN HAVING ALL OF YOU
7 HERE AND ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST
8 CRITICAL ISSUES. IT'S PROBABLY ONE OF THE REASONS I GOT
9 INVOLVED, UNFORTUNATELY, IN POLITICS, WHICH HAS LED TO ALL
10 KINDS OF THINGS. IT'S BEEN A VERY DISTRESSING ISSUE, NOT ONLY
11 IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY, BUT IN THE COMMUNITY. AND, WHEN YOU
12 START WORKING WITH YOUNG WOMEN, THIS IS A SITUATION THAT
13 REALLY NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. IN THE LEGISLATURE, I WAS PART
14 OF AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION THAT WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THAT
15 HOPEFULLY CONTINUES IN OUR SCHOOLS AND IT'S WORK THAT NEEDS TO
16 CONTINUE, BECAUSE THE BIGGEST PROBLEM THAT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE
17 IS NOT ONLY THE PREGNANT TEEN, BUT MAKING SURE THAT SHE GETS
18 BACK INTO SCHOOL AND TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT SHE HAS
19 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THAT ARE OPERATING AND FUNCTIONING FOR
20 HER. BECAUSE, EVEN AS A PREGNANT TEEN, WE DON'T WANT TO SEE
21 HER AS A 22-YEAR-OLD WITH THREE OR FOUR CHILDREN AND NOT
22 HAVING HAD THE BASIC HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION. SO I APPLAUD ALL
23 OF YOUR EFFORTS AND THE TREMENDOUS WORK THAT YOU DO AND WE ALL
24 NEED TO BE REMINDED, AS ELECTED OFFICIALS, OF OUR CONTINUING
25 RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY TO THE IMPORTANT ISSUE OF TEEN



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1 PREGNANCY AND THE PREVENTION OF TEEN PREGNANCY. SO THANK YOU
2 SO MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS TO OUR ATTENTION AND, OF COURSE, THE
3 IMPORTANCE OF DECLARING IT AS TEEN PREGNANCY MONTH. THANK YOU
4 AGAIN. PREVENTING TEEN PREGNANCY MONTH. EXCUSE ME.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO ALSO JOIN IN SAYING THAT I HAVE SEEN
7 SOME EXCELLENT PROGRAMS THAT ARE AIMED AT PROVIDING SCHOOL
8 SERVICES ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AND IN THE CONTEXT OF EDUCATION
9 FOR GIRLS WHO ARE-- WHO BECOME PREGNANT AS TEENS. IT'S SO
10 IMPORTANT THAT YOUNG WOMEN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STAY IN
11 SCHOOL IF THEY BECOME PREGNANT. OF COURSE, WE WANT TO HAVE
12 PREVENTION. THAT'S OUR NUMBER ONE GOAL, PREVENTION OF TEEN
13 PREGNANCIES. BUT, IF IT DOES OCCUR, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
14 THOSE YOUNG WOMEN HAVE OPPORTUNITIES, AND THAT'S WHAT MANY OF
15 THE PROGRAMS DO. THEY GIVE THEM A CHANCE FOR THEIR-- THE FACT
16 THAT THEY HAVE BECOME PREGNANT AND THAT THEY HAVE A SMALL
17 CHILD WHILE THEY ARE A TEEN, THAT THEY STILL ARE ABLE TO MOVE
18 FORWARD WITH THEIR LIFE AND I'VE SEEN ONE EXAMPLE OF A YOUNG
19 WOMAN WHO I KNOW WHEN I WAS AN ATTORNEY, AND IN A MAJOR LAW
20 FIRM, A YOUNG WOMAN WHO WENT ON TO HARVARD LAW SCHOOL FROM THE
21 SECOND DISTRICT AFTER SHE HAD A CHILD AS A TEEN. BUT SHE WENT
22 FORWARD, SHE CONTINUED HER EDUCATION, SHE WENT THROUGH
23 COLLEGE, SHE WENT TO LAW SCHOOL, AND SHE WAS, AT THAT POINT,
24 GETTING READY TO MOVE ON WITH HER CAREER. SO LET ME TELL YOU,
25 IT CAN BE DONE, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU.



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2 **JENNA BAUMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **SUSAN RABINOUIT:** AND BEFORE WE LEAVE, MAYBE DELLE WOULD LIKE
5 TO SHARE HER PLANS. WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN TERMS OF SCHOOL NEXT
6 YEAR ONCE YOU GRADUATE?

7

8 **DELY ARNOLD:** WELL, ACTUALLY, I FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL FOUR
9 MONTHS AHEAD OF TIME AND I'M JUST WAITING TO GRADUATE IN JUNE.
10 I'LL BE TRANSFERRING FROM SOUTHWEST COLLEGE INTO CAL STATE
11 L.A. FOR MY BACHELOR'S AND THEN I HOPE TO GO INTO GRAD SCHOOL
12 FOR MY PH.D. IN PSYCHOLOGY.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NOW WE'LL GO BACK TO ITEM NUMBER 1, WHICH
17 IS A FOUR-VOTE ITEM. PARDON ME? OKAY, ITEM 17, THE CHAIR WILL
18 MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
19 ORDERED. BACK TO ITEM NUMBER 1, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED,
20 THE ITEM IS BEFORE US, IT'S A FOUR-VOTE ITEM. MOVED BY
21 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT
22 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 2 PUBLIC HEARING.

2

3 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON APPROVAL OF THE 2004/2005
4 ACTION PLAN TO ENABLE THE COUNTY TO RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER
5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS, HOME INVESTMENT
6 PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUNDS, AMERICAN DREAMS DOWN PAYMENT
7 INITIATIVE ACT PROGRAM FUNDS, EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT FUNDS
8 FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. ALSO
9 APPROVAL OF OTHER RELATED ACTIONS. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN
10 PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK THAT, IF THE JUSTICE FOR
13 JANITORS, WANTED TO COME IN AND ADDRESS THE ISSUES AND THEN
14 THEY NEED TO LEAVE. I WAS WONDERING IF WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO
15 CALL UP PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME AND LISTEN TO THEM.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** JUST THE ONE SPEAKER?

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, IF WE COULD.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE ENTIRE PUBLIC
22 COMMENT?

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW. WE COULD DO ALL THE PUBLIC COMMENT
25 NOW AND JUST MOVE THAT OUT OF OUR WAY. CAN WE?



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE COULD DO THAT.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING BECAUSE HE'S GOING TO
5 NEED A FEW MINUTES TO GET SOME OF HIS PEOPLE IN HERE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BUT ONLY ONE SPEAKER, THOUGH. RIGHT?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WE JUST HAVE THE ITEM
12 NUMBER 2 IS BEFORE US.

13

14 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT, IN THE ABSENCE OF
15 TESTIMONY, THE MATTER IS BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 2 DOES NOT REQUIRE A STAFF
18 STATEMENT, IS THAT CORRECT?

19

20 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT, MR. CHAIRMAN.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ON ITEM NUMBER 2, MOVED BY
23 SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY THE CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
24 ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALSO, MR. CHAIRMAN, IT WOULD BE
2 APPROPRIATE TO TAKE 1-D AND 2-H, AS THEY'RE RELATED.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, CAN WE TAKE THEM TOGETHER? 1-D AND 2-
5 H? OKAY. ON ITEM 1-D AND 2-H, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE WILL
6 MOVE, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SO
7 WE WILL MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT, THEN. DENNIS PAUL FRIEDMAN AND
8 LEN FRIEDMAN AND AUBREY MANUEL. I WOULD ASK THAT THOSE THREE
9 COME FORWARD. OKAY. IF YOU'LL IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD
10 AND WILL BEGIN SPEAKING. YOU EACH HAVE TWO MINUTES. YOU ARE
11 MISSING ONE.

12

13 **DENNIS PAUL FRIEDMAN:** WE ARE UNCLEAR WHY WE'VE BEEN CALLED ON
14 THIS ISSUE. WE ARE HERE NOT TO SPEAK TO A SPECIFIC AGENDA
15 ITEM.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE ON PUBLIC COMMENT. WE'RE DOING
18 PUBLIC COMMENT, ALL PUBLIC COMMENT RIGHT NOW. THERE IS NOT A
19 SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM. AND I'M MISSING ONE PERSON. ARE YOU
20 BOTH... OKAY. GO AHEAD.

21

22 **LYNN SMALL FRIEDMAN:** GOOD MORNING TO ALL. MY NAME IS LYNN
23 SMALL FRIEDMAN. IGNORANCE, MALEVOLENCE AND PERMISSIVE
24 ACCEPTANCE OF SERIAL LANDLORD OFFENDERS HAVE LED TO SERIOUS
25 HEALTH PROBLEMS FOR NUMEROUS TENANTS IN MANY BUILDINGS



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1 THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND COUNTY. WITHOUT PROMPT ENFORCEMENT OF
2 THE ALREADY-EXISTING STATUTES, SUCH AN OFFENDER AS OUR
3 LANDLORD, MR. LOUIS WILNER, CAN COMMIT MANY VIOLATIONS OVER
4 SEVERAL YEARS DESPITE THE ISSUANCE OF NUMEROUS COUNTY HEALTH
5 AND CITY HOUSING CODE VIOLATIONS. OUR BUILDING AT 530 AND 532
6 NORTH SPAULDING AVENUE IN THE FAIRFAX DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES
7 HAS BEEN ISSUED NUMEROUS ORDERS TO COMPLY THAT HAVE HAD
8 UNWARRANTED EXTENSIONS FOR COMPLIANCE. THIS ONLY PROVIDES MORE
9 OPPORTUNITY TO DO GREATER HARM AND ENCOURAGES EVER MORE
10 EGREGIOUS ACTIVITIES. ENFORCEMENT OF THE CURRENTLY EXISTING
11 LAWS, WHICH COULD BE STRONGER OR MORE STRONGLY ENFORCED, COULD
12 HAVE STOPPED OUR PARTICULAR LANDLORD. DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF
13 NUMEROUS CITY AND COUNTY INSPECTORS WHO ISSUED MANY
14 VIOLATIONS, FURTHER HARM TO OUR HEALTH AND WELLBEING CONTINUES
15 TO THIS DAY. PERSONALLY, WE ARE OUT OF PATIENCE AND HAVE BEEN
16 EFFECTIVELY EXILED FROM OUR HOME. WHILE HIS IGNORANCE AND
17 CHEAPNESS MAY BE UNDERSTANDABLE, HIS INTENT TO HARM IS NOT
18 ONLY UNFORGIVABLE, IT IS CRIMINAL. WHILE THIS BUILDING IS IN
19 THE PROCESS OF BEING PLACED IN THE CITY'S REAP PROGRAM AND THE
20 LANDLORD HAVING BEEN REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
21 FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION INTO POSSIBLE CRIMINAL CHARGES, MR.
22 WILNER'S DAMAGING BEHAVIOR HAS CONTINUED UNABATED. THANK YOU
23 ALL VERY MUCH.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.



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2 **DENNIS PAUL FRIEDMAN:** MY WIFE, SITTING NEXT TO ME, AND I HAVE
3 BEEN TOGETHER SINCE WE WERE 13 YEARS OF AGE. I'VE BEEN ABLE TO
4 TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER UP UNTIL RECENTLY. I CAN'T HELP BUT
5 COMMENT ON THE PRAYER OF MOSES, I FIND IT MOST FITTING AND IT
6 CONFIRMS MY BELIEF THAT MY WIFE AND I ARE HERE TODAY NOT TO
7 SPEAK ONLY FOR OURSELVES, BUT FOR THE NEWBORN THAT CRIES
8 ACROSS THE WAY, FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE SISTER BUILDING WHOSE
9 WINDOWS WERE DRY SCRAPED JUST A FEW DAYS AGO AND WHO HAVE
10 THEIR WINDOWS WIDE OPEN TODAY. AFTER MANY EFFORTS TO TRY TO
11 GET OUR BUILDING PROPERLY TESTED, MY WIFE AND I ENGAGED
12 CERTIFIED INDEPENDENT TESTERS TO COME IN AND TEST OUR
13 BUILDING. THREE WOOD-- THREE SAMPLES FROM OUR WINDOWS FOUND 70
14 TO 1,240% ABOVE THE E.P.A. PERMISSIBLE LEVEL, HAZARDOUS LEVEL
15 FOR LEAD. UNFORTUNATELY, THE 1,240% PAINT SAMPLE CAME FROM OUR
16 BEDROOM WINDOW WHICH, JUST TWO WEEKS AGO, HAD BEEN DRY SCRAPED
17 AND REPAINTED. WITH NUMEROUS CITY AND COUNTY VIOLATIONS AND
18 DESPITE NUMEROUS CITY, COUNTY, STATE STATUTES AND LAWS AS WELL
19 AS THE FEDERAL E.P.A., F.I.F.R.A. SECTION 12 STATEMENT THAT NO
20 CHEMICAL HAS BEEN REGISTERED OR APPROVED TO REMEDIATE OR
21 REMOVE MOLD, UNLICENSED WORKERS INJECTED HERBICIDES AND
22 PESTICIDES INTO THE WALLS OF OUR BUILDING IMMEDIATELY BELOW
23 OUR APARTMENT ON MAY 6TH WITH NO WARNING WHATSOEVER TO ANY OF
24 THE TENANTS. THANK GOD THAT MY WIFE WAS OUT RUNNING ERRANDS ON
25 THAT DAY. OUR APARTMENT HAD BEEN VACANT FOR FIVE MONTHS. MY



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1 WIFE AND I HAD JUST RECEIVED THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS CREATIVE
2 FELLOWSHIP IN AMERICA. WE ARE THE ONLY HUSBAND AND WIFE IN THE
3 HUNDRED-YEAR HISTORY OF THIS FELLOWSHIP TO RECEIVE IT TWICE.
4 IT WAS THE FIRST DAY SINCE WE RETURNED NINE WEEKS AGO THAT WE
5 HAD THE ABILITY OF MY WIFE TO LEAVE THE HOUSE AND, WHILE SHE
6 WAS OUT RUNNING ERRANDS, I WAS AT WORK, ON MY WORK FOR THE
7 FIRST TIME IN NINE WEEKS AT MY COMPUTER. I BECAME INCREASINGLY
8 DISORIENTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND, AT 2:30 IN THE AFTERNOON,
9 FOUND MYSELF GASPING FOR BREATH. I RAN OUT TO THE BACK PORCH,
10 WHERE MY LANDLORD'S 92-YEAR-OLD MOTHER, WITH AN OPEN ROBE,
11 TOTALLY DISARRAYED AND COGNITIVELY DYSFUNCTIONAL, AND SHE IS A
12 SHARP 92-YEAR-OLD LADY, TELLS ME, "DENNIS, I'M SICK. THERE'S
13 SOMETHING IN THE AIR." SHE WAS RIGHT. ON THAT DAY, ESPECIALLY.
14 HOWEVER, WE NOW KNOW, THANKS TO A CERTIFIED, EXPENSIVE REPORT
15 WHICH WE COULDN'T AFFORD BUT WE HAD NO CHOICE, THAT, FOR
16 YEARS, FOR EVERY DAY FOR YEARS, EXCESSIVE MOLD SPORES, AND NOT
17 THE GOOD MOLDS AND NOT THE MOLDS THAT ARE IN THE ORDINARY AIR,
18 BUT THE KIND OF MOLDS THEY CALL BLACK TOXIC MOLD, ARE IN OUR
19 WALLS GROWING. WE HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO EXCESSIVE LEVELS OF
20 BOTH MOLD AND LEAD PAINT DUST. JUST A FEW STATISTICS, AND...
21
22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP, SO IF YOU'D SORT OF WRAP
23 IT UP, BECAUSE I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU...
24



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1 **DENNIS PAUL FRIEDMAN:** WE HAVE FOUND ANYWHERE FROM 70 TO
2 275,000%, THAT'S 70 TO 275,000%, ABOVE AMBIENT AIR LEVELS ARE
3 PRESENT IN THE WALL CAVITIES AND IN THE AMBIENT AIR INSIDE OUR
4 HOME. THIS IS WHAT WE NOW USE TO GO INTO OUR HOME ON THOSE
5 RARE OCCASIONS THAT WE RETURN TO GATHER SOMETHING PRECIOUS
6 THAT WE NEED FOR OUR LIFE. AND, AS THE PRAYER OF MOSES SAYS,
7 WE COUNT THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE TO CULL
8 THEM EVEN MORE DEARLY NOW. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. THANK
9 YOU FOR THE EXTRA TIME.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO ASK THAT WE
12 HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT OVER
13 HERE, THE HEAD OF IT, DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF, HE'S GOING TO VISIT
14 WITH YOU. IF YOU'LL VISIT WITH THEM AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO
15 ASSIST YOU.

16

17 **DENNIS PAUL FRIEDMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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19 **LYNN SMALL FRIEDMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AUBREY MANUEL, LYNN MANUEL AND... [[
22 APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE. PLEASE. THE BOARD RULES THAT THERE
25 BE NO APPLAUSE, EITHER FOR OR AGAINST, BOOS, CONGRATULATIONS



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1 OR WHATEVER. SO WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION. LYNN MANUEL,
2 AUBREY MANUEL, AND S. PAT COLBERT.

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4 **S. PAT COLBERT:** COLBERT.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I JUST SAW THE LITTLE-- SORRY ABOUT THAT.

7

8 **S. PAT COLBERT:** THAT'S OKAY.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

11

12 **AUBREY MANUEL:** GOOD MORNING.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF YOU'D IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD.

15

16 **AUBREY MANUEL:** AUBREY MANUEL. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS
17 ANGELES FOSTER PARENT COORDINATING COUNCIL. FIRST OF ALL, I'D
18 LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR MOVING US UP ON THE AGENDA. I COME HERE
19 TODAY WITH FOSTER PARENTS, RELATIVE CARE PROVIDERS, ADOPTIVE
20 PARENTS, EXTENDED, NONRELATIVE PARENTS, LEGAL GUARDIANS, GROUP
21 HOME PROVIDERS, SMALL FAMILY HOMES, PROBATION HOMES, CERTIFIED
22 HOME PROVIDERS, AND ALSO THOSE WHO ARE MONITORING THIS MEETING
23 VIA THE INTERNET THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
24 EUROPE, AND RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'D LIKE TO
25 RECOGNIZE THOSE PEOPLE AND THANK THEM VERY MUCH FOR SUPPORTING



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1 ME AT HOME. THEY'RE AT HOME TAKING CARE OF CHILDREN THAT HAVE
2 BEEN ENTRUSTED IN OUR CARE. MAY IS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE
3 RECOGNITION MONTH. OFTEN, AS FOSTER PARENTS, WE GO-- OR I
4 SHOULD SAY RESOURCE FAMILY CARE PROVIDERS, WE GO UNRECOGNIZED
5 FOR THE GREAT WORK WE PROVIDE TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND ITS
6 CHILDREN. WE PROVIDE EXCELLENT, OUTSTANDING, COMMITTED WORK
7 FOR 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, INCLUDING HOLIDAYS. SO
8 MAY COMES AROUND ONCE A YEAR AND THERE'S TALK ABOUT
9 RECOGNITION ABOUT FOSTER CARE, AND A LOT OF DIFFERENT ENTITIES
10 GET TOGETHER AND THEY DECIDE WHAT IS BEST FOR CHILDREN, HOW
11 CAN WE IMPROVE QUALITY OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, AND THEN
12 EVERYONE GOES HOME. AND WHATEVER IS AGREED UPON, WE, AS
13 RESOURCE FAMILY, HAVEN'T SEEN ANY IMPROVEMENT TO THESE
14 SERVICES FOR OUR CHILDREN AS WELL AS THE CARE PROVIDERS. AND
15 THESE SERVICES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE PROVIDED BY THE TWO PRIMARY
16 CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES, D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS OF
17 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
18 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S FAMILY SERVICES, CONSTANTLY ARE OFTEN
19 ADVERTISED FOR INTERESTED FOSTER PARENTS AND FAMILIES TO TAKE
20 CARE OF THESE CHILDREN WHO NEED OUT OF HOME CARE. THEY ALSO
21 MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT A CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE. THIS
22 NUMBER IS TO BE USED TO REPORT ABUSE, ANY FORM OF ABUSE AS FAR
23 AS CHILDREN ARE CONCERNED. WELL, PERSONALLY, I THINK THERE
24 SHOULD BE AN 800 NUMBER TO REPORT CHILD WELFARE AGENCY ABUSE



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1 AGAINST CHILDCARE PROVIDERS AS WELL AS THE CHILDREN IN THEIR
2 CARE. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **AUBREY MANUEL:** FOR YEARS, FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, THE LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL
6 HAVE GOTTEN AWAY WITHOUT BEING HELD TRULY ACCOUNTABLE FOR
7 DOING WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO. OKAY? THEY HAVE NOT DONE
8 WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO AND WE'RE HERE TODAY TO LET YOU
9 KNOW THAT WE DO KNOW THAT WE ARE NOT BEING SERVICED IN A HIGH
10 QUALITY MANOR AS CARE PROVIDERS. WE KNOW THAT THESE
11 DEPARTMENTS ARE NOT SERVICING THE BEST INTERESTS OF THESE
12 CHILDREN.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF YOU COULD WRAP IT UP, YOUR TIME IS UP,
15 SO WE CAN GET ALL THE SPEAKERS THROUGH.

16

17 **REYNARD PRICE:** WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, SIR, I ALSO SIGNED UP,
18 REYNARD PRICE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THAT TIME TO AUBREY
19 MANUEL.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I DIDN'T CALL YOU UP YET BUT THAT'S
22 OKAY. YOU'RE ON THE LIST. OKAY.

23

24 **REYNARD PRICE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25



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1 **S. PAT COLBERT:** I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE MY TIME TO AUBREY MANUEL.
2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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6 **AUBREY MANUEL:** THE PERSONNEL OF THESE DEPARTMENTS, THEY HAVE
7 OPERATED WITHOUT IMPUNITY. THEY SUBMIT COURT REPORTS THAT ARE
8 NOT ACCURATE. THERE HAVE BEEN NO CORRECTIVE ACTION, THERE HAS
9 BEEN NO ACCOUNTABILITY. THEY HAVE DESTROYED FAMILIES, THEY
10 HAVE DESTROYED THE LIVES OF CHILDREN. THESE CHILD WELFARE
11 AGENCIES HAVE DESTROYED EXCELLENT AND MUCH-NEEDED PLACEMENTS
12 FOR HARD-TO-PLACE AND HIGH-RISK TEENAGERS. THESE CHILDREN COME
13 IN OUR HOMES, THEY DESTROY OUR HOMES, WE DON'T GET REIMBURSED.
14 WE ASK FOR SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS A REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES
15 OR ENTITLEMENT THAT IS DUE TO THE CHILDREN. WE GET-- WE CATCH
16 A HARD TIME. WE DON'T GET WHAT WE NEED FOR THE CHILDREN. WE
17 WANT THESE ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED. WE HAD EXCELLENT HOMES,
18 SUCH AS THE FRED BAKER GROUP HOMES, WHICH WAS LOCATED
19 PREDOMINANTLY IN THE SOUTH L.A. AREA. WE HAVE THE REID SMALL
20 FAMILY HOME IN THE PASADENA AREA. AND I'M TALKING ABOUT A
21 TRAVESTY HERE, YOU KNOW. I'M A TAXPAYER AND I CAN'T BELIEVE,
22 YOU KNOW, WE'RE SPENDING A MILLION DOLLARS ON LITIGATION WITH
23 FRED BAKER BECAUSE HE'S BEEN AUDITED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS
24 ANGELES BUT NO ONE SIGNED THE AUDIT REPORT. AND I FIND THAT
25 APPALLING AS A TAXPAYER. 7,920 CHILDREN FROM SERVICE PLANNING



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1 AREA SIX WERE PLACED IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS. I'VE ASKED, ON
2 A COUPLE OF OCCASIONS, HOW MANY OF THESE CHILDREN HAVE
3 PLACEMENTS IN SPA SIX? I HAVE RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. I WOULDN'T
4 BE SURPRISED IF THE RESPONSE CAME BACK AS MAYBE LITTLE OR
5 MAYBE NONE AT ALL, BUT I DON'T THINK NONE WOULD BE THE ANSWER,
6 BUT LITTLE. AND MY POINT HERE IS WE NEED TO PUT CHILDREN IN
7 THEIR COMMUNITIES IN PLACEMENTS. WE NEED TO STOP MOVING
8 CHILDREN OUT OF THEIR COMMUNITIES AND KEEP THEM WITHIN THEIR
9 COMMUNITIES. WE NEED TO STOP MOVING CHILDREN OUT OF PLACEMENTS
10 THAT ARE WORKING FOR THESE CHILDREN, THAT ARE VIABLE. WE'VE
11 GOT TO STOP MOVING THESE CHILDREN BUT WE HAVE A DEPARTMENT
12 WITHIN D.C.F.S. CALLED THE QUALITY OF-- QUALITY SERVICE OUT OF
13 HOME INVESTIGATION. THESE PEOPLE OPERATE IN A CRIMINAL MANNER.
14 THEY CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS WHICH ARE NOT THOROUGH. THEY HAND
15 OUT HOLDS, THEY PUT HOLDS, INVESTIGATIVE HOLDS ON HOMES. I'M
16 ASKING YOU, AS SUPERVISORS, TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO REMOVE
17 THESE HOLDS OFF OF THESE HOMES. THIS TACTIC IS ILLEGAL.
18 THERE'S NO DUE PROCESS GIVEN HERE. AND BEFORE AN ACTION OF
19 THAT SORT IS TAKEN, I THINK WE DESERVE DUE PROCESS AS CARE
20 PROVIDERS. AGAIN, I'M ASKING THAT CERTAIN PERSONNEL BE HELD
21 ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE DESTRUCTION AND HARM THEY'VE CAUSED TO
22 CHILDREN. I'M TALKING ABOUT EMPLOYEES OR PERSONNEL, LIKE
23 FRANCESCA LARUE, ED PREER, RAMONA WILSON, ESTELLE ALBERT, JEAN
24 GILDEN. THEY SHOULD BE PUNISHED AND THEY SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO
25 JUSTICE. THERE SHOULD BE AN INVESTIGATION ON THAT DEPARTMENT.



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1 THAT DEPARTMENT HAS CAUSED A LOT OF DESTRUCTION. IT'S CALLED
2 THE QUALITY ASSURANCE UNIT IN D.C.F.S. THEY'VE BROKEN UP A LOT
3 OF FAMILIES AND DESTROYED A LOT OF LIVES. IN CLOSING, I'LL
4 JUST LEAVE YOU WITH ONE TASK OR JUST A SIMPLE REQUEST. CAN YOU
5 PLEASE HOLD PERSONNEL IN D.C.F.S. AND THE PROBATION
6 DEPARTMENT, CAN YOU TRULY HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE? PLEASE? HOLD
7 THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR NOT DOING WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE
8 DOING AND HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE, TRULY ACCOUNTABLE, FOR DOING
9 WHAT THEY'RE DOING IN AN UNSATISFACTORY MANNER. THAT'S WHAT WE
10 ASK.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I THINK THE-- THANK YOU. THE ISSUE IS
15 RAISED. I THINK IF WE COULD GET A RESPONSE BACK IN A COUPLE
16 WEEKS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BOTH THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY
17 SERVICES AS WELL AS PROBATION DEPARTMENT ON THE ISSUES RAISED
18 HERE TODAY, WE CAN DIRECT THAT RESPONSE, SO WE'LL SEE WHAT WE
19 CAN GET. THANK YOU.

20

21 **AUBREY MANUEL:** THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE OTHER SPEAKERS, LEONARD WAYNE
24 ROSE, LUIS GONZALEZ, AND MIKE GARCIA. [APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD YOU DO MIKE SEPARATELY?

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME? ALL RIGHT. THEN LEONARD AND--
4 LEONARD ROSE AND LUIS GONZALEZ, IF YOU'D COME FORWARD, AND
5 THEN WE'LL WAIT ON MIKE. OKAY, LEONARD. GO AHEAD.

6

7 **LEONARD ROSE:** DEAR ELDERLY BOARD SUPERVISOR. THIS SPEECH
8 GOING-- GOING TO MAKE A SPEECH ABOUT PARENTS COUNCIL. THEY
9 FIGHT FOR VIOLENCE AND SEX ON T.V., THERE'S TOO MUCH VIOLENCE
10 AND SEX ON TV. IT IMPACT YOUNG LIVES. PARENTS ASK ABOUT
11 DISCIPLINE, EDUCATION PROGRAM, NEW MICKEY MOUSE CLUB, GOOD
12 CARTOON. KICK OFF KING OF THE HILL AND SIMPSONS CARTOON OFF
13 THE AIR. IT'S BAD FOR CHILDREN. FCC COMMISSIONER IN
14 WASHINGTON, D.C. KEEP VIOLENCE AND SEX ON THE AIR. MEL
15 GIBSON'S "THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST" FILM OF JESUS, LOTS OF
16 PEOPLE GOT SAVED. THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES CENTER BY
17 FREEWAY HELPED CLEAN OUR CITIES AWAY WATCH FOR FRIDAY NIGHT
18 10:00 P.M. AND 10:30 AND MANY TESTIMONY, AND THEY HELPED THEIR
19 COMMUNITY TO WIPE UP OUR AREA. AND THEN THIS-- I TALK ABOUT
20 THE IMPACT ON T.V. YOUNG LIVES, YOU KNOW, VIOLENCE AND SEX ON
21 T.V., CARTOON SHOW, THEY SHOW CUSS WORDS, BAD WORDS ON KING OF
22 THE HILL, YOU KNOW, AND THIS IS A PROBLEM WITH PROBLEM WITH
23 PARENTS THAT DISCIPLINE KIDS, AND THIS PUT ALL TOGETHER AND--
24 AND-- AND 700 CLUB WROTE ME A THANK YOU NOTE, YEAR 2000, ABOUT
25 VIOLENCE AND SEX ON T.V. AND THEY WROTE ME A THANK YOU NOTE,



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1 PAT ROBERTSON, THE CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK, AND HOW TO
2 MAKE THINGS BETTER. AND I WANT TO SEE ELDERLY BOARD SUPERVISOR
3 AND STATE GOVERNMENT DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS, TO HAVE NEW
4 PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LUIS GONZALEZ. [APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, LEONARD. LUIS GONZALEZ, IS HE
9 STILL HERE? DO YOU STILL WANT TO SPEAK?

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. GONZALEZ, ARE YOU HERE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT OR
12 FOR THE PARTICULAR ITEM REGARDING THE COMMUNITY? YOU CAN'T
13 SPEAK ON BOTH, SO WHICH ONE? I THINK THEY MIXED IT UP.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HE'S SIGNED UP FOR NUMBER 29, WHICH IS
16 PUBLIC COMMENT. IS THERE AN ISSUE?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE'S AN ISSUE UNDER-- I'LL GET IT UNDER THE RIGHT
19 ITEM. WHAT ITEM IS IT? NUMBER 11. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. MIKE
22 GARCIA.

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24 **MIKE GARCIA:** HELLO, I'M MIKE GARCIA, PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U.
25 LOCAL 1877, AND THANK YOU FOR HEARING FROM US THIS MORNING.



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1 I'D LIKE TO ASK ALL OF THE JANITORS THAT ARE PRESENT WITH US
2 IN THE ROOM TO PLEASE STAND UP. WE'RE HERE TO TALK TO YOU
3 ABOUT THE SITUATION THAT WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH, WITH THE
4 JANITORS THAT WORK FOR THE CONTRACTORS THAT CLEAN THE COUNTY
5 PUBLIC HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS, AND TALK ABOUT THE
6 COUNTY LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE AND HOW IT'S FALLING SHORT IN
7 MEETING THE NEEDS OF THESE JANITORS. WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF
8 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS POINT AND WE'RE UNABLE TO FIND A
9 RESOLUTION BECAUSE THERE'S NOT ENOUGH MONEY IN THE COUNTY
10 CONTRACT AND LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ALL THE
11 BASIC NEEDS OF THE JANITORS THAT ARE CLEANING THE HOSPITALS.
12 I'VE HANDED TO YOU A LETTER THAT KIND OF OUTLINES OUR ISSUES
13 AND A REPORT FROM THE U.C.L.A. LABOR CENTER THAT SHOWS THAT
14 CALIFORNIA TAXPAYERS COULD SAVE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IF WORKERS
15 WERE PAID SLIGHTLY MORE THAN MINIMUM WAGE. WE ALL KNOW THAT
16 THINGS ARE-- FIRST OF ALL, I HAVE JOAQUIN AND ESTELLA WITH ME
17 WHO CLEAN THE COUNTY HOSPITALS FOR THE CONTRACTORS THAT YOU
18 EMPLOY. WE ALL KNOW THAT THINGS ARE LESS EXPENSIVE ON THE
19 FRONT END THAN ON THE BACK END. WE'RE URGING THAT THE COUNTY
20 TO TAKE SOME LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE AND MAKE SURE THAT
21 WORKERS, LIKE THE JANITORS AT COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES, CAN
22 SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR BASIC NEEDS. JANITORS FROM
23 COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES STRUGGLE TO GET BY. THE COUNTY LIVING
24 WAGE IS SO LOW AND THE HEALTHCARE PROVISIONS SO INSUFFICIENT
25 THAT WORKERS ARE FORCED TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE BY USING



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1 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. COUNTY WORKERS HAVE NOT SEEN WAGE INCREASES
2 IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS. IF THE LIVING WAGE IS NOT INCREASED,
3 THOUSANDS OF COUNTY WORKERS WILL GO-- WILL NOT GET AN INCREASE
4 FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS. THE LOS ANGELES CITY LIVING WAGE IS
5 SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THAT OF THE COUNTY. THIS YEAR, THE
6 CITY'S LIVING WAGE WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE WILL INCREASE
7 ROUGHLY TO \$10 AN HOUR, A FULL 50 CENTS AN HOUR MORE THAN THE
8 L.A. COUNTY LIVING WAGE. FOR A FULL-TIME WORKER, THAT'S ABOUT
9 A THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. FOR THE WORKING POOR, THAT'S A LOT
10 OF MONEY. WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE CONFRONTED WITH THE
11 RESPONSIBILITY OF MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE WORKING POOR AND
12 POOR PEOPLE IN GENERAL IN THIS COUNTY, BUT WE ASK IN THAT
13 REGARD THAT YOU SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE. L.A. LEADS THE COUNTY IN
14 THE NUMBERS OF WORKING POOR, LEADS THE COUNTRY, EXCUSE ME,
15 LEADS THE COUNTRY IN THE NUMBERS WORKERS WORKING WITHOUT
16 HEALTH INSURANCE AND IT LEADS THE COUNTRY IN THE GAP BETWEEN
17 RICH AND POOR. WE ASK THAT YOU SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE FOR THE
18 PRIVATE SECTOR AND ENSURE THAT YOUR POOREST WORKERS CAN
19 PROVIDE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES AND RECEIVE
20 HEALTHCARE BENEFITS FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES AS WELL.
21 AND THAT THEY WORK WITH THE PRIDE AND HONOR WITH INDEPENDENCE
22 FROM TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE. THIS IS AN URGENT MATTER FOR THESE
23 JANITORS, IT'S AN URGENT MATTER FOR OUR UNION. THERE'S A
24 STRIKE VOTE SET, SO YOU'RE AWARE, FOR JUNE THE 5TH. THEY MUST
25 HAVE INCREASES IN THEIR WAGES AND THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE



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1 COVERAGE CAN ACHIEVE THAT. IF WE CAN'T MEET THEIR BASIC NEEDS,
2 THEY WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO OUT ON STRIKE SOON AFTER
3 JUNE 5TH. WE URGE YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING FOR YOUR POOREST
4 WORKERS AND PROVIDE THEM WITH A LIVING WAGE AND MEDICAL
5 INSURANCE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT. MOVE TO ITEM
14 NUMBER 3.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING TO INCREASE VARIOUS PARK AND
17 RECREATION FEES AND CHARGES TO ESTABLISH A NON-MOTORIZED BOAT
18 ANNUAL PASS FEE FOR CASTAIC LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA, FRANK
19 G. BONELLI REGIONAL PARK AND SANTA FE DAM RECREATIONAL AREA
20 AND A FEE UP TO \$2 PER PERSON FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S THREE SWIM
21 BEACH AREAS EFFECTIVE JULY ONE, 2004. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN
22 PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE DO HAVE A MEMBER OF THE
25 PUBLIC SIGNED UP, MICHAEL KING, IF YOU'D COME FORWARD, PLEASE,



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1 ON ITEM NUMBER 3. THERE'S NO STAFF STATEMENT REQUIRED ON THIS
2 ITEM, SO, MR. KING, IF YOU'D GO AHEAD.

3

4 **MICHAEL KING:** RIGHT. ANYWAYS, RIGHT NOW, I GUESS IN SEPTEMBER,
5 I INVENTED THIS BECAUSE YOU GUYS HAD CHANGES WITH CASTAIC LAKE
6 TO POSSIBLY CLOSE IT AND RAISE RATES. I ASKED IF YOU GUYS
7 WOULD MAKE A SEPARATE ONE FOR NON-MOTORIZED VESSELS BECAUSE
8 THEY ARE LOW IMPACTS TO THE LAKE AND THERE WERE CHARGING THE
9 SAME AS MOTORIZED. NOW, IF THEY NEED TO MAKE A SEPARATE ANNUAL
10 PASS SO THIS WILL HAPPEN, AND IT'S VERY EXPENSIVE WITH THE
11 HIGH COST THAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW, SO WHAT'S BEING DONE,
12 WHAT I PASSED TO YOU GUYS WAS JUST A LITTLE ITEMIZED THING
13 HERE ABOUT IT'S RECOMMENDED TO A SIMPLE PASS BE MOTORIZED TO A
14 HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR PEOPLE TO AFFORD. IF YOU LOOK DOWN,
15 THERE'S FIGURES HERE, FAMILY OF THREE, IT COSTS 510 FOR AN
16 ANNUAL USAGE OF THE LAKE. AND, WITH THE NEW RATE, IT WOULD GO
17 TO 420, WHICH IS SOMEWHAT AFFORDABLE. I DO UNDERSTAND, I
18 MISSED A DECEMBER THING WHERE YOU GUYS AUTOMATICALLY STARTED
19 RAISING THE RATES BECAUSE YOU NEEDED TO, AND IT'S NOT A
20 HARDSHIP. I GATHERED THAT YOU GUYS ASSUMED AND YOU GUYS WENT
21 AHEAD. NOW, AGAIN, YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO RAISE RATES. WHAT'S
22 GOING ON WITH THE LAKE? IF YOU LOOK BACK, THERE'S A PICTURE OF
23 ME AS A KID IN '73. IF YOU LOOK, THEY USED TO OPEN UP THAT
24 WHOLE DAM AREA FOR FISHERMEN. MY FAMILY AND EVERYONE USED TO
25 GO THERE. NOW THEY'VE PUT A JET SKI AREA THERE AND MY FATHER



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1 AND OTHER PEOPLE HAVE NOW LEFT THE LAKE, THE LAKE-- YOU GUYS
2 ARE PLANNING TO RAISE RATES POSSIBLY AGAIN AND THE MOST
3 IMPORTANT THING IS TO GET THIS ANNUAL PASS FOR THE NON-
4 MOTORIZED. BUT, HOWEVER, INSTEAD OF RAISING OTHER RATES, MAKE
5 IT MORE USER FRIENDLY SO PEOPLE COME AND USE THE LAKE BECAUSE,
6 IF YOU RAISE THE RATES, THEY'RE STILL NOT GOING TO COME
7 BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO MEANS OF USING THE LAKE PROPERLY. LIKE
8 WHERE THE JET SKI AREA IS, IT SCARES PEOPLE OFF, THEY'RE
9 NOISY, THEY'RE LOUD. IF THEY MOVE IT OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE OF
10 THE LAKE, AND THEY PUT IT THERE WHERE THAT ONE PICTURE OF ME
11 AT THE BOTTOM LEFT, IT SHOWS WHERE THERE'S LAND THERE FOR THEM
12 AND GIVES THE THING-- TRUST ME, IT'S-- WHAT'S GOING ON WITH
13 THESE EXCESSIVE RATES-- I WORK IN THE STUDIOS. I TOOK OFF
14 RIGHT NOW. I'M WORKING BY CASTAIC LAKE. I'VE BEEN DOING AN
15 EVALUATION ON MY LUNCH HOUR, DRIVING TO THE LAKE, LOOKING. NO
16 ONE IS USING THE LAKE. I WORK, I'M PART OF THE PRO STAFF OF
17 IRVINE LAKE, AND BEING A PART OF THAT LAKE HELPING KIDS AND
18 WORKING WITH THE LAKE, THAT'S A PAID FEE LAKE, HUNDREDS OF
19 PEOPLE GO THERE TO FISH. IT'S CHANGED FROM CASTAIC LAKE.
20 THERE'S ONLY A FEW PEOPLE THAT USE THE LAKE BECAUSE OF THE
21 PRICE OF USING THE LAKE RIGHT NOW. SO IT CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE
22 INCREASES. WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO IS MAKE THE LAKE MORE USER
23 FRIENDLY. IF YOU PULL THAT JET SKI AREA OUT, MORE FAMILIES
24 WILL COME AND USE THE DAM AREA WHICH YOU GENERATE MONEY AND
25 THE KEY THING IS TO GENERATE MONEY, AND IT WILL GENERATE THE



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1 ECONOMY OF THAT AREA AND BRING MONEY THROUGH. I'M NOT A
2 PROFESSIONAL SPEAKER. I JUST CAME JUST TO HELP OUT AND BE A
3 PART OF THE ANNUAL PASS RATE, BUT I JUST WANTED TO POINT THAT
4 OUT BECAUSE, ON THE AGENDA, I NOTICE THAT THERE'S POSSIBLE
5 RATES TO BE INCREASED AT THE LAKE. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. COULD WE HAVE MAYBE THE
8 DEPARTMENT RESPOND? MIKE?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TIM CAN RESPOND. THEY HAVE WORKED WITH THE
11 COMMUNITY AND THEY WANTED TO-- THEY SUPPORTIVE OF HAVING
12 MARKET RATES TO VARIOUS SERVICES. BUT TIM?

13

14 **TIM GALLAGHER:** YEAH, TIM GALLAGHER, PARKS AND RECREATION
15 DIRECTOR. I WANT TO CLARIFY THAT THERE ARE NO RATES AT CASTAIC
16 THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED FOR INCREASE IN THIS ITEM TODAY. THE
17 ONLY THING THAT WOULD AFFECT CASTAIC WOULD BE THE NON-
18 MOTORIZED ANNUAL PASS THAT WE'RE CREATING WHICH IS NOT IN
19 EFFECT RIGHT NOW. SO THAT WOULD BE A NET DECREASE IN THE COST
20 FOR SOMEBODY WHO IS CURRENTLY TAKING A BOAT OUT TO THE LAKE.

21

22 **MICHAEL KING:** NON-MOTORIZED VESSEL, LIKE A FLOAT TUBE. YOU
23 GUYS, I'M SURE, KNOW WHAT A FLOAT TUBE IS. IT'S A SINGLE
24 VESSEL AND IT DOESN'T IMPACT ANYTHING ON THE LAKE. THE REASON
25 FOR DECREASES THAT YOU'RE LIMITED WITH FLOAT TUBES, YOU'VE GOT



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1 TO STAY AT THE LOWER LAGOON, YOU DON'T USE IT AS MUCH AND TO
2 DROP THE RATE WOULD BRING MORE PEOPLE IN. RIGHT NOW, I'M SURE
3 HE COULD PROBABLY SHOW THAT NO ONE IS BUYING THE PASS, IT'S
4 TOO EXPENSIVE. TO ME, TO JUSTIFY \$510 TO MY FAMILY, IN THIS
5 DAY AND AGE, WITH SKYROCKETING PRICES, I'M NOT GOING TO BUY
6 IT. I MIGHT GO ONE OR TWO TIMES BUT THAT'S MONEY LOST BECAUSE
7 I ONLY SPENT \$40 FOR A YEAR OR \$30 FOR A YEAR, AND I JUST
8 SAVED \$400. THIS WAY, I SPEND \$400, I COULD USE IT THROUGH THE
9 COURSE FELT YEAR AND MAKE IT WORTH SOMETHING BUT IT'S JUST TOO
10 EXPENSIVE. IT NEEDS TO DROP BECAUSE, IF YOU DON'T DROP IT,
11 PEOPLE WON'T BUY IT AND THEY'LL BE JUST A SKELETON IN A
12 CLOSET.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. RESPONSE?

15

16 **TIM GALLAGHER:** THE ONLY THING, ONLY RESPONSE I CAN MAKE IS
17 THAT THIS NON-MOTORIZED BOAT FEE IS REALLY DIRECTED AT KAYAKS
18 AND CANOES THAT COME OUT THERE, NOT FLOAT TUBES. WE'RE TAKING
19 AN EVALUATION OURSELVES OF FLOAT TUBES AND WHETHER OR NOT
20 THEY'RE A VESSEL OR SHOULD NOT BE CHARGED AT ALL AND WE'RE
21 DOING A SURVEY RIGHT NOW. OTHER FACILITIES, JURISDICTIONS I'VE
22 WORKED AT, WE DID NOT CHARGE FOR FLOAT TUBES TO COME INTO A
23 LAKE BECAUSE THEY WERE RESTRICTED TO BE WITHIN A HUNDRED FEET
24 OF THE SHORELINE AND WOULD BE NO DIFFERENT THAN A PERSON GOING
25 OUT AND SWIMMING, PER SE. SO WE'RE TAKING A LOOK AT THAT



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1 OURSELVES BUT THE NON-MOTORIZED BOAT FEE IS REALLY DIRECT
2 TOWARDS CANOES AND KAYAKS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

5

6 **MICHAEL KING:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME DOWN.
9 THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
10 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
11 ITEM NUMBER 4, THERE IS NO REQUIRED STAFF STATEMENT ON THIS.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S A HEARING ON PROPOSED INCREASE TO
14 THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR THE RELEASE OF PROPERLY IMPOUNDED
15 STORED VEHICLES BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE NO
16 WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IS THERE ANYONE FROM THE PUBLIC
19 WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS? IF NOT, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS
20 CLOSED. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE,
21 SECONDED BY THE CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NEXT IS
22 ITEM NUMBER 5.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON THE LEVYING OF ANNUAL
25 ASSESSMENTS IN THE COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT LLA-1



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1 FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005. WE
2 HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE-- STAFF STATEMENT IS REQUIRED ON ITEM
5 NUMBER 5.

6

7 **BAHMAN HAJIALIAKBAR:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BAHMAN
8 HAJIALIAKBAR AND I'M PRINCIPAL CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH THIS PROCEEDING
10 FOR THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL STREET LIGHTING
11 ASSESSMENTS WITHIN LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1 FOR ALL ZONES
12 EXCEPT FOR THE PARAMOUNT ZONE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005 AT THE
13 SAME RATES ARE AS BEING LEVIED DURING THE CURRENT YEAR. IN MY
14 OPINION, ALL THE TERRITORY WITHIN LLA-1 WILL CONTINUE TO BE
15 BENEFITED BY THE SERVICE PROVIDED AND THE ASSESSMENTS CONTINUE
16 TO BE SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT PROVIDED TO THE
17 INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES. WE ARE AWARE OF NO PROTESTS.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS THIS FROM COUNTY COUNSEL, THIS SCRIPT
20 HERE? ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM STAFF IN REGARDS TO THIS
21 PARTICULAR ITEM? IF NOT, DO YOU READ FIRST OR DO I READ SECOND
22 HERE? OH, THAT'S FOR 6. OKAY. IF NOT, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS
23 CLOSED.

24

25 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** THE MATTER IS BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE MATTER IS BEFORE US? THANK YOU. MOVED
3 BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT
4 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NOW WE GET TO GO TO ITEM NUMBER 6.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON THE LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS IN
7 COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 10066 AND COUNTY LIGHTING
8 DISTRICT LLA-1, PARAMOUNT ZONE FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES.
9 WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** STAFF STATEMENT?

12

13 **BAHMAN HAJIALIAKBAR:** MY NAME IS BAHMAN HAJIALIAKBAR, AND I'M A
14 PRINCIPAL CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
15 I'M FAMILIAR WITH THIS PROCEEDING FOR THE LEVYING AND
16 COLLECTION OF ANNUAL STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT WITHIN COUNTY
17 LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, PARAMOUNT ZONE WITH THE PROPOSED
18 INCREASE FROM \$5 TO \$17 PER SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH A
19 CORRESPONDING INCREASE FOR OTHER LAND USES. THE ASSESSMENT
20 WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT USING THE CPI FOR THE
21 LOS ANGELES, RIVERSIDE, ORANGE COUNTY AREAS FOR ALL URBAN
22 CONSUMERS. IN MY OPINION, THE PROPOSED INCREASE IS NECESSARY
23 TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS WITHIN THE PARAMOUNT ZONE TO FUND
24 OPERATING EXPENSES TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, AND
25 MATERIALS AND TO FUND NECESSARY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.



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1 IN MY OPINION, ALL THE TERRITORIES WITHIN THE PARAMOUNT ZONE
2 WILL CONTINUE TO BE BENEFITED BY THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED
3 AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT WILL BE SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO
4 BENEFIT PROVIDED TO THE INVOLVED PROPERTIES. IN THE EVENT OF A
5 MAJORITY PROTEST, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD CONTINUE THE
6 EXISTING ASSESSMENTS AT THEIR CURRENT RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR
7 2004/2005. WE ARE AWARE OF NO PROTESTS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT
12 THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF
13 BALLOTS, AND CONTINUE THE ITEM ONE WEEK FOR TABULATION RESULTS
14 AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, WELL, THEN I WOULD MOVE THAT WE CLOSE
17 THE HEARING AND CONTINUE THE ITEM FOR ONE WEEK FOR THE
18 TABULATION RESULTS BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND DECISION BY
19 THE BOARD. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
20 SO ORDERED. HOW DID WE DO, RICK? WE DO GOOD?

21

22 **RICK:** YES.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT IS ITEM 7.

25



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON LEVYING OF FLOOD CONTROL
2 BENEFIT ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005. WE HAVE NO
3 WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

4
5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. STAFF?
6

7 **PATRICK DECHELLIS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PATRICK DECHELLIS,
8 I'M AN ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
9 WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY OF
10 THE ANNUAL FLOOD CONTROL BENEFIT ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR
11 2004/2005. THE REPORT ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS WAS PREPARED
12 IN MY OFFICE AND UNDER MY DIRECTION. NO INCREASE IN BENEFIT
13 ASSESSMENT RATES IS PROPOSED FOR THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR. IN
14 MY OPINION, THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE
15 PROPOSED USE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE,
16 RESTORATION, AND CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD CONTROL AND WATERSHED
17 MANAGEMENT FACILITIES AND FOR THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL
18 POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM MUNICIPAL STORM WATER
19 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS BECAUSE THE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING
20 AVAILABLE FOR THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ARE NOT ADEQUATE TO
21 COVER THE COSTS OF THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS DESCRIBED ABOVE. THE
22 FLOOD CONTROL BENEFIT ASSESSMENT CONTINUES TO BE BASED UPON
23 THE PROPORTIONATE STORM WATER RUNOFF METHOD FROM AFFECTED
24 PARCELS AS IS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW, GOVERNMENT



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1 CODE SECTION 54715. IN MY OPINION, THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS
2 HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTIONATE TO BENEFIT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OF STAFF? ARE
5 THERE ANY SPEAKERS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK? CAN WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC
6 HEARING AND PUT THE ITEM BEFORE US?

7

8 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
11 SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
12 ORDERED. THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS ON 8 OR 9, SO WE'LL COME BACK
13 TO THOSE, AND I KNOW THERE IS A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HERE ON ITEM
14 NUMBER 11, SO WE'LL TAKE ITEM NUMBER 11 OUT OF ORDER.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT'S A HEARING ON PERMIT CASE
17 NUMBER 03-135-1 AND DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION TO
18 AUTHORIZE LESS THAN REQUIRED PARKING FOR PROPOSED DANCE
19 SCHOOL, EAST SIDE UNIT NUMBER 4 ZONED DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY
20 DANIEL CARTAHENA AND ASSOCIATES. WE HAVE WRITTEN
21 CORRESPONDENCE IN SUPPORT OF THIS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I WILL ASK THE STAFF TO GIVE THEIR
24 REPORT. I WOULD ASK THAT THE INTERPRETER COME IN AS WELL, TOO.

25



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1 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. GOOD
2 MORNING. I'M RUSSELL FRICANO OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
3 PLANNING AND TO MY LEFT MARIA MASSISSE, THE PLANNER ON THE
4 CASE. THIS IS AN APPEAL OF A REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
5 APPROVAL OF A PARKING PERMIT TO AUTHORIZE LESS-THAN-REQUIRED
6 PARKING FOR A DANCE SCHOOL AT AN EXISTING COMMERCIAL PLAZA.
7 THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 342 1/2 NORTH FORD BOULEVARD IN THE
8 EAST SIDE UNIT NUMBER 4 ZONED DISTRICT. THE PROPERTY IS ALSO
9 LOCATED WITHIN THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY STANDARDS
10 DISTRICT IN THE MYERVIA REDEVELOPMENT AREA. ZONING ON THE
11 PROPERTY IS COMMERCIAL MANUFACTURING. THIS CASE WAS APPROVED
12 BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 18TH OF 2004.
13 AND THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OF STAFF? IF NOT,
16 THEN I'LL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING AND I'LL TURN IT OVER TO
17 SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK I WANT TO PUT THE MOTION IN PLACE NOW,
20 RIGHT? AND THEN WE'LL HAVE THE SPEAKERS COME UP. I HAVE A
21 MOTION I'D LIKE TO PASS OUT TO ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS. MOST OF
22 THE COMMERCIAL SPACE IN EAST L.A. WAS BUILT LONG AGO WITHOUT
23 INADEQUATE PARKING SPACES. THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
24 COMMISSION BUILT PUBLIC PARKING LOTS ON FORD BOULEVARD AND
25 CESAR CHAVEZ AVENUE SO THAT NEW AND EXISTING BUSINESSES COULD



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1 EXPAND AND FLOURISH. THE PARKING LOTS ARE CURRENTLY
2 UNDERUTILIZED AND CAN ACCOMMODATE THE ADDITIONAL DEMAND FROM A
3 NEW DANCE STUDIO, NOT A DANCE HALL. I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT WE
4 APPROVE THE PARKING PERMIT FOR A DANCE STUDIO AT 342 1/2 FORD
5 BOULEVARD WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS. FIRST OF
6 ALL, THE HOURS OF OPERATION ARE FROM 10:00 TO 9:30 SEVEN DAYS
7 A WEEK. NUMBER TWO, THE APPLICANT SHALL INSTALL A VIDEO CAMERA
8 THAT FILMS THE ENTRANCE TO THE STUDIO AND THE ONSITE PARKING
9 LOT. APPLICANT SHALL KEEP THE RECORDED VIDEOS FOR A MONTH.
10 NUMBER THREE, THAT EACH CLASS SHALL HAVE A MAXIMUM OF 45
11 STUDENTS. NUMBER FOUR, THAT NO MUSIC SHALL BE AUDIBLE FROM
12 OUTSIDE THE BUILDING. NUMBER FIVE, THAT THE APPLICANT SHALL BE
13 REQUIRED TO SWEEP THE PUBLIC PARKING LOT TWICE A WEEK. NUMBER
14 6, THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW THE
15 STATUS AND COMPLIANCE OF THIS PERMIT AFTER SIX MONTHS. IF
16 FOUND TO BE INCOMPLIANT, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER
17 MODIFICATIONS TO THE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS, THE HOURS OF
18 OPERATION, AND THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS. THE DEPARTMENT OF
19 REGIONAL PLANNING SHALL CONDUCT MONTHLY INSPECTIONS FOR THE
20 FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE PERMIT. THESE INSPECTIONS SHALL
21 COMMENCE UPON THE DANCE SCHOOL'S OPERATION. THE APPLICANT
22 SHALL POST A SIGN ON THE PROPERTY WITH THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF
23 THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND THE SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT, AND THE APPLICANT SHALL DEPOSIT WITH THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING THE REQUIRED MONEY TO COVER



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1 INSPECTION COSTS AND CALLS FOR SERVICE. NO SMOKING SHOULD BE
2 PERMITTED ON THE DANCE STUDIO'S BALCONY AND THE APPLICANT
3 SHALL BUILD A SIX-FOOT BLOCK WALL ON THE EAST PROPERTY LINE.
4 PRIOR TO OPENING, THE APPLICANT SHALL PASS INSPECTIONS
5 CONDUCTED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND BUILDING SAFETY. AGAIN,
6 THIS HAS BEEN A COMPROMISE FROM WHAT ORIGINALLY WAS A DANCE
7 STUDIO OR A DANCE HALL, IN WHICH MANY OF THE RESIDENTS
8 COMPLAINED ABOUT THE NOISE. WE THINK THAT THESE CONDITIONS AND
9 THE OVERSIGHT WITHIN SIX MONTHS PUTS IT IN A SITUATION OF
10 OPENING A DANCE STUDIO AND WHICH IS A BUSINESS THAT WOULD FIT
11 IN WITH THE REST OF THE BUSINESSES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WE
12 HAVE CONTINUED TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS THAT THERE IS PARTIES AND
13 LOUD MUSIC GOING ON, THE LAST INSTANCE BEING THAT IT WAS NOT
14 AT THE DANCE STUDIO ITSELF, BUT IN THE CAFE DOWNSTAIRS. SO WE
15 HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS, AND I
16 GUESS, ON THIS ONE, I THINK THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE OPPOSED,
17 EVEN WITH MITIGATIONS, ON THIS ISSUE, SO I'M GOING TO CALL
18 THEM UP FIRST. RAFAEL CRUZ. AND WE DO NEED A SPANISH
19 INTERPRETER ON THIS ITEM. RAFAEL CRUZ, POR FAVOR. I
20 UNDERSTAND. I'M CALLING... [INDISTINCT CONVERSATION]

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** [INDISTINCT VOICE].

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH. BERTHA? I DON'T--
2 OH, HERE SHE IS. FIRST, WE'LL HAVE BERTHA PLANTILLAS, AND WHO
3 ELSE, SIR?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** [INDISTINCT VOICE]

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO CALL ON CARMEN MARABINE,
8 PLEASE JOIN US. HILDA ALFARO GOMEZ AND RAFAEL CRUZ. IS MR.
9 CRUZ HERE? [SPEAKING SPANISH]

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** PLEASE PROCEED, MRS. PLANTILLAS.

12

13 **BERTHA PLANTIAS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BERTHA PLANTILLAS,
14 I'M A PROPERTY OWNER ON CESAR CHAVEZ AVENUE AND A BUSINESS
15 OWNER FOR 35 YEARS AT 4538 1/2 CESAR CHAVEZ AVENUE. I WOULD
16 LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
17 PRESENT OUR CASE HERE TODAY. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR
18 GLORIA MOLINA AND HER STAFF, ESPECIALLY MISS NICOLE ENGLAND
19 WHO ASSIST US DURING THIS PROCESS. I AM HERE TODAY AS A
20 SPOKESPERSON FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS BETWEEN OUR
21 COMMUNITY. WE OPPOSE THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE ORIGINAL PLANNING
22 COMMISSION WHEN THEY USE THE PARKING PERMIT 03-135-1. THE
23 PARKING PERMIT WAS ISSUED TO THE BUSINESS OWNER OF THE DANCE
24 STUDIO LOCATED ON 346 NORTH FORD BOULEVARD, EAST LOS ANGELES,
25 WITHOUT THE CONSIDERATION OF OUR COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO



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1 PRESENT TO YOU A PACKAGE THAT CONTAINS THE INFORMATION FOR
2 YOUR REVIEW, ONE FOR EACH ONE. THE PARKING PERMIT WAS ISSUED
3 ON THE PREMISE OF A DANCE STUDIO. HOWEVER, THE BUSINESS OWNER
4 ACTUALLY USING THE PROPERTY AS A DANCE HALL. THE PARKING
5 PERMIT ISSUE HAS GIVEN THE DANCE STUDIO EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO
6 COMMUNITY PARKING FACILITY WHICH IS LOCATED ON FORD AND CESAR
7 CHAVEZ AVENUE. WE WELCOME BUSINESS TO OUR COMMUNITY, AND
8 UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF REVENUE TO OUR COMMUNITY.
9 HOWEVER, THIS TYPE OF BUSINESS ONLY BRINGS DOWN THE COMMUNITY
10 BY ATTRACTING AN ELEMENT THAT WE, WITHIN THIS COMMUNITY HAVE
11 BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO CLEAN UP. AS YOU CAN SEE, AND THE
12 PICTURES PROVIDE IT, YOU CAN SEE ON THE BACK, THIS HAPPENED
13 AFTER AN EVENT HELD HERE. THE DANCE STUDIO THAT SURROUNDS THE
14 RESIDENTS HAVE TO COPE WITH LOUD NOISE AND THE SMELL OF DRUGS
15 BEING USED AT THE LOCATION. THE MORE CLOSE EVENTS THEY HAVE
16 FIVE AND SIX OF MAY WHERE THEY HAVE LOUD MUSIC AND A LOT OF
17 POLICE CALLS FROM THE NEIGHBORS ARE ON RECORD. THE PARKING
18 FACILITY IS LEFT WITH TRASH AND OTHER PARAPHERNALIA. WE
19 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO RECONSIDER A
20 REVIEW AND REVERSE THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING
21 COMMISSION. SHOULD THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHOOSE TO ALLOW
22 THE PERMIT TO CONTINUE, THEN WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER OUR
23 REQUEST. SOME OF THE REQUESTS WERE ALREADY NAMED BY SUPERVISOR
24 GLORIA MOLINA BUT THE NEIGHBORS CLOSE TO THE-- SUCH BUSINESS,
25 THEY REQUEST A SIX-FOOT WALL BETWEEN 344 1/2 FORD BOULEVARD



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1 AND THE HOMES OF THE 4500 BLOCK OF NEW YORK STREET. THANK YOU
2 VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT, WE HAVE CARMEN
5 MARABINI. AND THE GENTLEMAN, SHE WILL BE... MISS PLANTILLAS
6 NEEDS THE ROOM IN ORDER TO INTERPRET. [SPEAKING SPANISH]

7

8 **INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS CARMEN MARABINI. I LIVE IN 4529 NEW
9 YORK STREET, LOS ANGELES. I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF THE DANCING
10 STUDIO BE OPENED. BECAUSE...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** (SPEAKING SPANISH)

13

14 **INTERPRETER:** BECAUSE I THINK IT'S NOT GOOD FOR THE
15 NEIGHBORHOOD AND ALSO PREVENTS US FROM HAVING AMPLE PARKING IN
16 THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE NOISE THAT OCCURS AS A RESULT OF THIS
17 BUSINESS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THAT'S AN IMPORTANT FACTOR. AND
18 I THINK IT'S A VENUE THAT WILL PROMOTE DRUG TRAFFICKING,
19 ALCOHOL ABUSE, AND THOSE WEEKEND PARTIES WILL BE A PROBLEM.
20 AND THAT'S IT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** GRACIAS. NEXT, WE HAVE HILDA ALFARO GOMEZ.

23

24 **HILDA ALFARO GOMEZ:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

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1 **INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS HILDA ALFARO GOMEZ. I'M A RESIDENT OF
2 NEW YORK STREET. AND ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I'M OPPOSED TO
3 THIS APPROVAL, BECAUSE, IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WE HAVE SCHOOLS
4 AND THERE ARE FAMILIES THAT LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THERE
5 ARE CHILDREN, OF COURSE. AND I THINK THAT ANY APPROVAL
6 RECORDING THIS VENUE-- THIS BUSINESS WILL CAUSE-- WILL BE
7 PROBLEMATIC FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD. AND I THINK
8 THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD, IF IT HAS THIS BUSINESS, THERE WILL BE
9 SOME PARTIES THERE THAT WILL NOT BE WELL SUITED FOR OUR
10 CHILDREN, THAT WILL CAUSE VIOLENCE. AND I BELIEVE THAT OUR
11 INTENTIONS ARE TO MAINTAIN A SECURE NEIGHBORHOOD AND NOT TO
12 ALLOW ANY INVOLVEMENT OF THIS TYPE OF BUSINESS THAT WILL PUT
13 AT RISK-- PUT OUR CHILDREN AT RISK. THAT'S IT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** MUCHOS GRACIAS. RAFAEL CRUZ.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

18

19 **RAFAEL CRUZ:** (SPEAKING SPANISH)

20

21 **INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS ROBERTO CRUZ. RAFAEL CRUZ. I AM
22 OPPOSED TO THIS SOLELY BECAUSE, IN THE AFTERNOON/EARLY
23 EVENING, THERE'S A LOT OF NOISE CAUSED BY THIS BUSINESS. AND
24 IT'S PROBLEMATIC AND ALSO DANGEROUS FOR ALL OF US, THE
25 NEIGHBORS, THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN THIS AREA. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** GRACIAS. NEXT WE HAVE REGINA PENIN BLANCO, SIXTO
3 NAVARETTE, LUIS GONZALEZ, AND REBECA ZAPIEN. I DON'T KNOW IF
4 THEY NEED INTERPRETATION BUT WE'LL CHECK.

5

6 **REGINA PENIN BLANCO:** HELLO.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** PLEASE HAVE A SEAT. REGINA PENIN BLANCO.

9

10 **REGINA PENIN BLANCO:** YES, MY NAME IS REGINA PENIN BLANCO. I
11 LIVE ALSO ON YORK STREET FOUR HOUSES FROM THE BUSINESS AND I
12 AM REALLY CONCERNED BECAUSE I AM DISABLED, I HAVE AN ACCIDENT,
13 I AM DISABLED, AND I HAVE TO PARK ON THE STREETS. WHEN THERE
14 IS A PARTY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN SOME OF THE HOUSES, I COME,
15 ESPECIALLY ON SUNDAYS, I COME AFTER 7:00 OR AFTER 8:00, I
16 CANNOT FIND A PARKING, AND I HAVE TO-- I HAVE TO PARK FAR AWAY
17 AND WALK AT NIGHT. IF THIS BUSINESS STARTS, THERE IS GOING TO
18 BE EVEN LESS PARKING AND I WILL HAVE TO PARK TWO BLOCKS FROM
19 MY HOUSE BECAUSE EVERYBODY TAKES THE SPACE IN FRONT OF OUR
20 HOUSE. THAT'S ONE OF MY CONCERNS. ALSO, I DON'T WANT TO SEE
21 ANY MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WRITING ON THE WALLS OR TAKING DRUGS OR
22 BEING A THREAT TO ME OR TO THE NEIGHBORS, TO THE CHILDREN,
23 BECAUSE, IF THERE ARE LOTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE THERE, TAKING
24 DANCING LESSONS OR DANCING, I SUPPOSE THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE
25 GANG ACTIVITY, DRUGS ALCOHOL, AND EVERYTHING THAT COMES WITH



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1 IT. ENOUGH SAID. I GIVE MY MINUTES TO REBECCA. SHE HAS MORE TO
2 SAY.

3

4 **REBECA ZAPIEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS REBECA ZAPIEN. I
5 ALSO AM A RESIDENT OF NEW YORK STREET. AND OUR CONCERNS ARE
6 MANY, AS YOU CAN SEE. AND OUR MAIN FEAR IS THAT THIS DANCE
7 STUDIO WILL, SOONER OR LATER, BECOME A DANCEHALL, AND THIS IS
8 OUR FEAR. SO I DON'T KNOW HOW TO STATE THIS OR WHAT WORDS CAN
9 BE USED TO-- LEGALLY, TO SAY THIS, BUT THIS IS THE FEAR. THE
10 ADVERTISING THAT HAS BEEN PLACED IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING
11 SINCE THE BEGINNING WAS FOR A DANCE HALL, A RENTAL, AND STILL
12 UP THERE, AND I KNOW IT'S ON THE INTERNET AS WELL. PARTIES
13 HAVE TAKEN PLACE PREVIOUSLY, PREVIOUS TO THE LAST MEETING THAT
14 WE HAD, AND EVEN THIS MONTH, THERE WAS A PARTY. THERE ARE 10
15 BUSINESSES THAT I COUNTED ON FORD STREET, AND I'VE BEEN
16 KEEPING AN EYE THIS MONTH TO SEE HOW MANY PARKING SPACES I
17 UTILIZED DURING THE DAY AND, OUT OF THE 54, I FOUND THAT THERE
18 ARE ABOUT BETWEEN 20 AND 24 USED ON A DAILY BASIS. THAT WOULD
19 LEAVE ABOUT ANOTHER 25 TO 30 PARKING SPACES FOR THE DANCE HALL
20 AND IF WE EXPECT TO HAVE MINIMUM OF-- OR MAXIMUM OF 45
21 STUDENTS AND EVERY STUDENT BRINGS A CAR, WHICH USUALLY
22 HAPPENS, THEN THAT MEANS THE PARKING-- OUR PARKING IN OUR
23 STREET WILL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM US. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE CAN
24 BE SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT WE HAVE RESIDENT PARKING,
25 MAYBE DECALS, MAYBE SOMETHING THERE SO THAT WE DON'T WANT OUR



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1 PARKING SPACES TAKEN FROM OUR BLOCK. THAT'S OUR MAIN CONCERN
2 THERE. THE OTHER CONCERN THAT WE HAVE IS THAT WE ARE AFRAID
3 BECAUSE EVERY TIME THERE'S BEEN A DANCE, THERE HAVE BEEN, YOU
4 KNOW, PEOPLE URINATING ON THE STREETS, CONDOMS FOUND, DRUGS
5 ARE BEING USED, GRAFFITI IS ALL OVER THE PLACE AFTER THE
6 DANCE, AND THIS IS-- YOU KNOW, THIS IS-- BECOMES A COST FOR
7 US. WE HAVE TO PAINT THE PLACES, WE HAVE TO CLEAN, AND IT'S
8 NOT VERY-- IT'S NOT VERY NICE TO DO THAT. WE'RE ALSO CONCERNED
9 WITH THE STRUCTURE, THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURE OF THE BUILDING
10 THAT WE DON'T BELIEVE IT'S QUITE SAFE TO HOLD SO MANY PEOPLE
11 IN THE SECOND FLOOR. THIS IS AN OLD BUILDING. AND, YOU KNOW, I
12 APPRECIATE WHAT MRS. MOLINA STATED ABOUT THE CONDITIONS, THAT
13 IT'S GOING TO BE SO THAT NO MUSIC IS AUDIBLE TO THE OUTSIDE. I
14 WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE THAT, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, OUR WORKING
15 SCHEDULE IS SO DIFFERENT AND WE NEED TO HAVE OUR REST. WE'RE
16 ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE HOURS OF OPERATION, ALTHOUGH STATED
17 FROM 10:00 TO 9:30, BUT WE HAVE WHAT WE CALL TIEMPO MEXICANO,
18 MEXICAN TIME, SO YOU SAY, AH, GO A LITTLE BIT LONGER. SO WE'D
19 LIKE TO HAVE IT FROM 10:00 TO 9:00, BUT TO BE AT 9:00, NOT TO
20 BE LATER ON. AND I BELIEVE THESE ARE-- THE OTHER THING IS, YOU
21 KNOW, THE PEOPLE, THE LAST TIME, WHO SPOKE AT THE LAST MEETING
22 WE HAD, WE HAD SEVERAL PEOPLE SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF. I'D LIKE
23 TO SEE THE PEOPLE WHO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THIS DANCE HALL OR THE
24 DANCE STUDIO, TO SEE HOW MANY OF THOSE ACTUALLY LIVE IN OUR
25 NEIGHBORHOOD. WE ARE COMING TO LIVE, BECAUSE WE LIVE THERE, WE



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1 ARE THE ONES AFFECTED BY THIS. LET'S SEE HOW MANY OF THOSE
2 PEOPLE REALLY LIVE IN THE AREA. OKAY? AND I THANK YOU FOR THE
3 TIME YOU'VE GIVEN ME AND I HOPE YOU CAN OPEN YOUR HEARTS AND
4 MINDS FOR THIS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SIXTO NAVARRETE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS.
7 SPECIFICALLY, SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA. THANK YOU FOR THE
8 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS HERE AS A COMMUNITY. I AM
9 HEAR AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES, AND
10 SPECIFICALLY OUR LADY OF LAS SOLIDAD. THE ORIGINAL PLANNING
11 COMMISSION APPROVED THE ISSUANCE OF A PARKING PERMIT 03-135-1
12 FOR A BUSINESS LOCATED AT 346 NORTH FORD BOULEVARD. THE
13 BUSINESS PURPOSE IS TO OPERATE A DANCE STUDIO. WHAT WE
14 STRONGLY OPPOSE REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THIS PERMIT IS THE
15 DANCE STUDIO HAS RECEIVED EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO THE COMMUNITY
16 PARKING LOT. THIS ACTION, WE FEEL, WILL AFFECT THE RESIDENTS
17 AND BUSINESSES. IT WAS STATED THAT THE PARKING FACILITY IS
18 BEEN UNDERUSED. BUT THAT'S-- THAT COULD BE THE CASE DURING
19 CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR, BUT I CAN-- YOU KNOW, I THINK IF--
20 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU KNOW THE AREA QUITE WELL AND, ANY TIME
21 THERE'S A FUNERAL AT THE CHURCH THAT HAS A LOT OF FRIENDS,
22 EVERYTHING POURS OUT AND WE NEED, BECAUSE OF THAT PARKING
23 FACILITY THERE, THAT HELPS OUT THE CHURCH. ANY TIME WE HAVE
24 THE ANNUAL FIESTAS AT SOLEDAD, WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE
25 PERMIT PROCESS, AND THAT PARKING AREA HELPS THE CHURCH. WHEN



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1 THE SCHOOL HAS ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA WHERE THEY'RE AT
2 BROOKLYN ELEMENTARY OR OUR LADY LAS SOLEDAD SCHOOL, THAT
3 PARKING STRUCTURE HELPS THE CHURCH. SO WITH THERE'S REGIONAL
4 PLANNING PERMIT GIVING EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO THIS BUSINESS OWNER
5 WHERE THEY'RE SAYING THAT NOBODY CAN PARK OTHER THAN THE
6 PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO GO TO THIS DANCE STUDIO, WE FEEL THAT
7 IS UNFAIR. ADDITIONALLY, FROM ALL THE OTHER STATEMENTS THAT
8 HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP TO YOU TODAY. SO WE'RE NOT HERE TO STOP
9 BUSINESS IN THE AREA. WE'RE HERE TO ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS. THE
10 ADDITIONAL ITEM IS THE DANCE STUDIO, THIS PERSON, THIS
11 BUSINESS OWNER CAME TO GET A PERMIT THROUGH THE REGIONAL
12 PLANNING WITH THE PREMISE OF A DANCE STUDIO BUT HAS BEEN
13 OPERATING A DANCE HALL AND I'M SURE, IF HE WOULD HAVE
14 PRESENTED THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING
15 COMMISSION THAT "I WANT TO ANSWER A DANCEHALL," THERE WOULD
16 HAVE BEEN A LOT OF OTHER DIFFERENT STIPULATIONS THAT WOULD
17 HAVE BEEN PLACED AT HIM BEFORE THE PROCESS WAS EVER CONTINUED.
18 SO THIS IS WHERE WE'RE COMING FROM AS FAR AS THE COMMUNITY.
19 THE DANCE STUDIO IS ACTUALLY OPERATING A DANCE HALL. THUS, THE
20 DANCE HALL IS ATTRACTING AN ELEMENT THAT CAUSES LOUD NOISE,
21 DRUG USAGE, AND ALSO THE TAGGING SITUATION. THE SURROUNDING
22 RESIDENTS HAVE TO SMELL MARIJUANA USAGE. IT'S A VERY COMMON
23 SMELL THAT EVERYBODY-- ANYBODY CAN DETECT WHEN IT'S BEING
24 USED. THEY HAVE TO COPE WITH THE LOUD MUSIC AND THE COMMUNITY
25 PARKING FACILITY IS LEFT WITH TRASH AND BOTTLES. THE



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1 SURROUNDING BUSINESSES HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO PROMOTE THE
2 BUSINESSES AND ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES IS THE PARKING
3 AVAILABILITY. THE APPROVAL OF THE SUBJECT PARKING PERMIT WILL
4 NOT ONLY AFFECT THE PARKING SITUATION, BUT ALSO AFFECT
5 REVENUE, THE DAMAGE TO THE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT FOR THOSE WHO
6 LIVE IN THIS COMMUNITY. THE RESIDENTS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES
7 HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO ACHIEVE A FRIENDLY AND CLEAN
8 ENVIRONMENT, SO WHAT WE ASK YOU TODAY IS TO RECONSIDER THE
9 ISSUANCE OF THE PERMIT IN THE MANNER THAT IT HAS BEEN ISSUED.
10 WE ARE NOT UNREASONABLE. WE ENCOURAGE BUSINESS WITHIN OUR
11 COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, BUSINESSES SHOULD TAKE...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. NAVARETTE, DO YOU WANT TO FINALIZE YOUR
14 COMMENTS?

15

16 **SIXTO NAVARRETE:** YES, MA'AM. WELL, THE BOTTOM LINE IS,
17 BASICALLY THAT WE'RE NOT HERE TO TELL SOMEBODY, "YOU CAN'T
18 OPEN A BUSINESS," BUT BE REASONABLE AND, I MEAN, IF WE'RE ALL
19 SHARING THE PARKING FACILITY, WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO SHARE IT.
20 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. GONZALEZ.

23

24 **LUIS GONZALEZ:** MY NAME IS LUIS GONZALEZ. I HAVE A BUSINESS IN
25 FLORAL ON EASTERN AVENUE. WHEN I CAME INTO THIS COUNTRY, I WAS



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1 PENNILESS BUT, WITH MY WORK, I WORK AND THEN I BOUGHT A LOT IN
2 THE CORNER ON EASTERN AND FORD, AND THEN I SUBMIT PLANS AND I
3 SUBMIT EVERYTHING AND THEY REQUIRED 12 PARKING IN THAT
4 BUSINESS. I WORK VERY HARD ANOTHER TWO YEARS IN ORDER TO BUY
5 ANOTHER LOT SO I CAN PROVIDE THESE 12 PARKING LOTS. SO, WITH
6 MY WORK AND WITH MY EFFORT AND WITH MY TALENT THAT I'M GIVING
7 TO THIS COUNTRY, TO THIS GREAT COUNTRY, I'M TRYING TO ABIDE BY
8 ALL THE RULES, BY ALL THE-- AND I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S FAIR
9 TO SOMEONE THAT-- TO GIVE AWAY SOMETHING THAT IS-- WERE BUILT
10 FOR THE COMMUNITY, AND I DON'T THINK THAT WE SHOULD GIVE
11 PRIVILEGE OR LOOKS LIKE PRIVILEGE TO SOMEONE ELSE THAT CAN
12 PROVIDE ENOUGH PARKING. WITH ALL THE DUE RESPECT AND WITH ALL
13 THE HELP THAT WE RECEIVE FROM THE STAFF, OUR SUPERVISOR,
14 GLORIA MOLINA, THAT WE REALLY APPRECIATE, THAT IT IS NOT
15 POSSIBLE TO KNOCK DOWN THIS PERMIT, IS TO REINFORCE VERY, VERY
16 HARD THE CONDITIONS, THE OTHER CONDITIONS, NOT ONLY THE
17 PRIMITIVE CONDITIONS, BUT THE ACTUAL CONDITIONS. AND THANK YOU
18 VERY, VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **REBECA ZAPIEN:** EXCUSE ME. CAN I STEAL THE HALF A MINUTE THAT'S
23 LEFT?

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** QUICKLY.



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2 **REBECA ZAPIEN:** YES, IN THAT SAME REGARD, YOU KNOW, WE BUILT
3 OUR HOUSE EIGHT YEARS AGO ON NEW YORK STREET, AND WE WERE
4 REQUIRED TO BUILD A THREE-GARAGE-- THREE CAR GARAGE BECAUSE OF
5 THE AMOUNT THAT THE SEVEN BEDROOMS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR HOUSE,
6 AND I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR. WE WERE FORCED TO DO THIS, WE HAD
7 TO SPEND EXTRA MONEY, AND NOW SOMEONE WITH A BUSINESS CAN COME
8 IN AND EASILY TAKE OVER A PARKING LOT THAT'S FOR THE PUBLIC.
9 YOU KNOW, WE WERE FORCED TO DO IT, HE WAS FORCED TO DO IT.
10 (SPEAKING SPANISH).

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** MUCHOS GRACIAS. I'M GOING TO CALL UP THE NEXT SET
13 OF SPEAKERS. AGAIN, THIS IS AN ISSUE, AND MITIGATIONS HAVE
14 BEEN PUT IN PLACE FOR THIS BUSINESS. THIS IS NOT GIVING ANY
15 EXCLUSIVE PARKING SPACES, THERE'S JUST A FINDING, AS I
16 UNDERSTAND IT, THAT'S PUT IN PLACE THAT THIS WAS TO
17 ACCOMMODATE THAT. I THINK THERE'S A MISINTERPRETATION, A
18 MISUNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF SOME OF THE OPPOSITION. I'D LIKE
19 TO CALL UP-- THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE THAT WANT TO ADDRESS THAT
20 ARE HERE IN SUPPORT, BUT THEY'VE CHOSEN THREE SPEAKERS, AND
21 I'M GOING TO ASK ALL OF THEM TO COME UP. SPEAKING IS SINISHA
22 KOSTICH, VERONICA PADIA, AND EDDY TORRES. IF THEY'D JOIN US.
23 BUT IF YOU'D ALSO COME UP, EVEN THOUGH YOU WON'T BE SPEAKING
24 TODAY, YVONNE MORIEL, RON MUKIEL, DANIEL CARTAHAGA, DANIEL



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1 MORALES, ERNIE MORALES, CAROL LEMON, JOHNNY-- IS IT GODINAS,
2 AND NADINE MONGIEL, IF YOU'D PLEASE JOIN US. PLEASE.

3

4 **SINISHA KOSTICH:** MY NAME IS SINISHA KOSTICH AND I'M THE OWNER
5 OF THE PROPERTY AT 342 1/2 FORD NORTH BOULEVARD, AND I'M IN
6 THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR THE PERMIT AND TRY TO OPEN UP A
7 DANCE STUDIO, DANCE SCHOOL IN EAST LOS ANGELES, AND I'D LIKE
8 TO TELL YOU JUST A FEW SECONDS ABOUT MY BACKGROUND, WHICH TIES
9 INTO THE DANCE STUDIO. I'M CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AT LOS ANGELES
10 HARBOR COLLEGE AND I USED TO WORK AS A SPECIAL EDUCATION
11 TEACHER AT SAINT STEPHENSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, WHICH IS ON
12 INDIANA STREET, AND WENT TO CAL STATE L.A., GRADUATED IN
13 COUNSELING AND ALSO HAVE MINOR FROM BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY
14 FROM UTAH IN DANCING. ALL MY LIFE, I WAS A DANCER; MORE SO AS
15 A HOBBY AND BECAME, IN LAST ABOUT 10 YEARS, MY PROFESSION AS
16 WELL AS COUNSELING AT HARBOR COLLEGE. DANCING IN MY LIFE
17 HELPED ME OUT A LOT IN ACHIEVING MY GOALS BECAUSE I FIND IT
18 VERY MOTIVATIONAL AND WAS GOOD RETENTION FOR ME TO STAY IN THE
19 COLLEGE. I HAVE A LOT OF SKILLS IN DANCING TO GIVE TO THE
20 STUDENTS, AS I'M GIVING RIGHT NOW AT L.A. HARBOR COLLEGE. SO
21 THOSE SKILLS, ESPECIALLY THE DANCE WHO IS VERY POPULAR RIGHT
22 NOW, SALSA, IS SUCH A GREAT STRESS RELIEVER AND A GREAT DANCE
23 THAT WE ARE TEACHING AT HARBOR COLLEGE, AND WE HAVE A DANCE
24 TEAM AND SO FORTH. AND OTHER DANCES, WE ARE TEACHING MORENGUE
25 AND ARGENTINE TANGO AND OTHER DANCES WHO ARE VERY MOTIVATIONAL



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1 FOR STUDENTS TO STAY IN SCHOOL AND GOOD RETENTION. THAT'S WHY
2 I LIKE TO OPEN A DANCE STUDIO IN EAST L.A. AND GIVE ALL THE
3 SKILLS TO THE STUDIO AND TEACH THOSE DANCES. I'M NOT MEXICAN,
4 I'M YUGOSLAVIAN, AND-- BUT THERE IS A SERBIAN CEMETERY, BY THE
5 WAY, ON THIRD STREET AND EAST AVENUE AND MANY OF THE PEOPLE
6 MAY SAY I DO NOT BELONG THERE, BUT I'M PROUD TO BE A
7 YUGOSLAVIAN, AS EVERYBODY ELSE IS PROUD TO BE A MEXICAN OR
8 MEXICAN-AMERICAN. SO I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT I DO BELONG
9 THERE BECAUSE MY ROOTS DO COME FROM YUGOSLAVIA AND WE HAVE A
10 SERBIAN CEMETERY OR YUGOSLAVIAN CEMETERY IN EAST L.A. AS OTHER
11 CEMETERIES. SO I JUST WANT TO ADDRESS THAT BECAUSE I FEEL A
12 LITTLE BIT DISCRIMINATED AT TIMES, NOT ALL THE TIME, BECAUSE
13 MOST OF THE PEOPLE ARE FAIR AND VERY LOVING TO ME IN EAST LOS
14 ANGELES, AND I HAVE GREAT FRIENDS AND MY BEST FRIENDS. SO I
15 WANT TO BRING DANCE SCHOOL, DANCE STUDIO, AND ALL THE RESPECT
16 OF PEOPLE WHO WERE TALKING BEFORE, I UNDERSTAND THEIR CONCERNS
17 BECAUSE I HAVE A DAUGHTER, A NINE YEARS DAUGHTER, AND I DON'T
18 WANT HER TO BE EXPOSED TO DRUGS AND PROMISCUITY AND ALL OTHER
19 THINGS. SO, ALL IN ALL, I LIKE TO OPEN JUST A DANCE SCHOOL,
20 DANCE-- NOT A DANCE HALL WITH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND PROVIDE
21 LIABILITY IN STRESSFUL SITUATIONS BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO BE
22 STRESSED OUT, BECAUSE, IF THAT WOULD HAPPEN, IF I WAS GOING TO
23 DO THAT, I WOULD BE THE FIRST ONE TO SHUT IT DOWN AND JUST USE
24 IT FOR STORAGE BECAUSE IT'S MUCH EASIER AND THE MONEY IS GOING
25 TO BE THE SAME, SO THERE IS NO REASON FOR ME TO DO A PROJECT



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1 WHICH IS GOING TO CREATE A LIABILITY AND STRESSFUL SITUATION.
2 JUST A BEAUTIFUL, PASSIONATE DANCING AND WHICH WOULD...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. SO, MR. KOSTICH, YOU DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM
5 WITH THE CONDITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE, YOU'RE
6 WILLING TO ACCEPT THOSE? CORRECT?

7

8 **SINISHA KOSTICH:** MOST OF THEM. IF YOU DON'T MIND, MY CLASSES
9 ARE KIND OF LARGE. 45 STUDENTS, IF I CAN PUSH IT TO 75, AS WE
10 HAD BEFORE, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT BECAUSE, IF YOU GO TO MY...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT, AGAIN, WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS WE WANT TO
13 MONITOR WHAT IS GOING ON. THAT'S WHY WE CREATED THE SIX
14 MONTHS, HOPEFULLY, WHILE THERE'S AN HONORING OF THAT. WE DON'T
15 HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE DANCE STUDIO, AS YOU'VE DESCRIBED, BUT
16 THERE ARE CONCERNS IN THE COMMUNITY, I THINK THIS WAS
17 MISINTERPRETED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, AND THAT'S WHY I PUT
18 THE SIX MONTHS' CONDITION IN SO THAT YOU CAN COME BACK, IT
19 WOULD BE REVISITED AND YOU'D HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND
20 YOUR BUSINESS AT THAT POINT.

21

22 **SINISHA KOSTICH:** NO PROBLEM, YEAH. SURE. QUESTION ABOUT THE
23 SIX-FOOT WALL. I JUST DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS FOR THE SIX-FOOT
24 WALL, BECAUSE THE STUDIO IS ON THE SECOND FLOOR, IT DOESN'T



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1 REALLY MAKE SENSE TO PUT SIX-FOOT WALL ON THE BOTTOM BECAUSE
2 THE SOUND WOULD GO OVER ANYWAY, SO THAT WOULD BE MY...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, AGAIN, ONE OF THE THINGS IS THAT WE FOUND
5 IT AS A CONDITION THAT IS NECESSARY BUT, LIKE THE PARKING LOTS
6 THAT WERE BUILT BY CDC IN ORDER FOR THE BUSINESSES TO EXPAND
7 AND TO FLOURISH WITHIN THAT WHOLE AREA, THEY WILL BE HELPING
8 YOU IN FACILITATING THAT PROCESS, AND SO THEY'LL BE A PARTNER
9 WITH YOU IN THAT.

10

11 **SINISHA KOSTICH:** I APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU, MISS GLORIA
12 MOLINA.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO NEXT WE HAVE VERONICA PADIA.

15

16 **VERONICA PADIA:** MY NAME IS VERONICA PADIA, I AM-- GO TO GO TO
17 COLLEGE AND I WORK AT CAF CALIFAS AND, ASIDE FROM THE PARKING
18 LOT, WHICH IS-- THERE ARE 75 PARKING LOTS ACROSS THE STREET. I
19 WORK FOUR DAYS CONSECUTIVELY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND
20 SUNDAY, AND THERE ARE NO CARS, YOU KNOW, ON THE OTHER SIDE
21 AND, OTHER THAN THAT, YOU KNOW, LIKE THEY MENTIONED BEFORE,
22 THERE IS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. I HAVE HAD FOLKLORICO FOR FOUR
23 YEARS, EVER SINCE THE SECOND GRADE AND, TO BE A DANCING
24 STUDIO, NOT A DANCE HALL, YOU'LL LEARN TO SOCIALIZE, YOU'LL
25 LEARN FOR NEW GENERATION, OLD GENERATIONS TO COMMUNICATE, TO



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1 KNOW WHAT A CULTURE IS. NOT ONLY THAT, CULTURE IS NOT ONLY
2 FOOD, YOU KNOW, LITERATURE, ART. IT'S ALSO MUSIC. MUSIC THAT
3 IS NOT EVERY PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF, LIKE TANGO, YOU KNOW? TANGO
4 OR FLOKLORDICAO, WHICH IS MEXICAN OR ANY OTHER KIND OF MUSIC,
5 YOU KNOW? WE NEED TO LEARN THAT. WE NEED TO ENRICH OURSELVES
6 EVEN MORE. MOST IMPORTANTLY, BY OPENING A DANCE HALL-- A DANCE
7 STUDIO, ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO DANCE, NOT ONLY
8 THAT, MORE, OLDER GENERATIONS, NEW GENERATIONS WILL BE ABLE TO
9 KNOW-- WILL BE ABLE TO BE OUT OF THE STREETS BECAUSE THAT'S
10 WHAT WE NEED. YOU KNOW, WE DO HAVE, YOU KNOW, COMMUNITY
11 SERVICE, COMMUNITY, ANY OTHER TYPE OF THAT, BUT WE ALSO, YOU
12 KNOW, PEOPLE DO LOVE MUSIC. YOU KNOW? AND WHAT WAY TO EXPRESS
13 YOUR EMOTIONS, WHAT WAY TO EXPRESS HIDDEN TALENT THAN, YOU
14 KNOW, IN A DANCING STUDIO. AND, LIKE I MENTIONED BEFORE, YOU
15 KNOW, I LIVED IN EAST L.A. FOR 20 YEARS AND I'M PROUD TO SAY
16 THAT, YOU KNOW, I LOVE MY CULTURE AND, YOU KNOW, BY HAVING A
17 DANCING STUDIO, YOU KNOW, ONLY GOING TO BE ABLE TO ENRICH AND
18 EXPAND THAT CULTURE THAT WE NEED TO SUPPORT EAST L.A. IN THAT
19 FORM, IN THAT TYPE OF WAY, AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MISS PADIA. NEXT WE HAVE MR. EDDIE
23 TORRES.

24

25 **EDDIE TORRES:** EXCUSE ME, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, MAY I GO LAST?



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1

2 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU ARE LAST. [LAUGHTER]

3

4 **EDDIE TORRES:** OH. CAN I STAND UP?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, YOU CAN.

7

8 **EDDIE TORRES:** OKAY. AFTER HEARING THE COMMENTS OF THE
9 OPPOSITION, I FEEL THAT THERE'S A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT PEOPLE
10 HERE KNOWING THAT MY TESTIMONY, WHY I'M COMING FROM. MY
11 FAMILY'S BEEN IN EAST LOS ANGELES SINCE THE 1920S. I STILL
12 RESIDE IN EAST LOS ANGELES. I'M CURRENTLY THE EAST LOS ANGELES
13 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESIDENT AND MY
14 BACKGROUND FROM GOING TO FORD STREET TO GRIFFITH TO GARFIELD,
15 I WAS A GANG MEMBER. I GOT OUT OF A GANG WHEN I WAS ABOUT 20
16 YEARS OLD AND I KNOW WHAT EAST LOS ANGELES IS ALL ABOUT. AS A
17 MATTER OF FACT, SO MUCH SO THAT ONCE, ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AGO, I
18 OBTAINED-- I BID ON AND OBTAINED A GRAFFITI REMOVAL CONTRACT
19 FROM THE BUSINESS PERSONS ASSOCIATION AND I WAS THE LOWEST
20 BIDDER, OF COURSE, AND I DONATED "X" AMOUNT OF HOURS, BUT I
21 WENT VIGOROUSLY ON THE WEEKENDS, EVEN THE DAY OF THE PARADE IN
22 SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR, I WENT AND I DONATED HOURS BEFORE 6:00
23 TO TAKE OFF THE GRAFFITI. IT WAS ALWAYS AND IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN
24 A SORE SPOT FOR GRAFFITI, BUT IN THAT AREA FROM FORT BOULEVARD
25 TO MENYICK AND FROM THIRD STREET ALL THE WAY TO FLORAL I



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1 PICKED AREAS THAT I ALREADY KNEW WHERE THE GRAFFITI WAS GOING
2 TO BE AT, BUT IT WAS ALWAYS THE SAME PEOPLE. I'VE SEEN
3 PICTURES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE SAME PICTURES, 12, 14
4 PICTURES OF DIFFERENT ANGLES OF THE SAME PICTURE. THAT'S VERY
5 UNFAIR AND UNJUST AND MISLEADING. I'VE PASSED THE BY THE
6 VARIANCES PARKING LOT THAT'S BEING REQUESTED FOR 34-- 342 1/2
7 AND I SEE THAT THAT PARKING LOT IS ALWAYS UNDERUTILIZED. THE
8 LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WROTE A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF
9 THE BUSINESS. I CAN SPEAK TO THIS AND ATTEST TO THIS. MANY
10 YEARS AGO, WHEN THERE WAS ANOTHER ESTABLISHMENT THERE, THERE
11 WAS ALWAYS GRAFFITI AND IT LOOKED LIKE IT WAS A DESOLATE AREA,
12 BUT SINISHA KOSTICH, WHO IS A EAST LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF
13 COMMERCE MEMBER, PAID IN GOOD STANDING, HAS PUT HIS OWN MONEY
14 IN THERE. HE HASN'T WAITED FOR CDC TO KICK IN SOME FUNDS. HE'S
15 BEEN OUT THERE WITH HIS OWN HEART AND BLOOD AND SOUL AND HARD
16 WORK AND HAS EVEN TRIED TO PAY ME TO GIVE A SPECIAL LOOKOUT
17 FOR THE GRAFFITI PROJECT, BUT I DIDN'T ACCEPT HIS MONEY, I DID
18 IT FOR FREE. AND ALL THAT I CAN SAY IS THAT ON THAT ASPECT
19 ABOUT WHAT THIS WOULD DO IS IT'S A CULTURAL THING. PEOPLE
20 LEAVE EAST LOS ANGELES TO GO TO PICO RIVERA AND OUT OF THE
21 AREA, AMANI, DOWNTOWN, BOYLE HEIGHTS TO TAKE DANCE LESSONS. I,
22 MYSELF, I'M AN EX GANG MEMBER AND I'M SAYING IT PROUDLY
23 BECAUSE I'M REHABILITATED, I'VE BEEN SOBER FOR 12 YEARS, BUT
24 I'M NOT GOING TO GO DANCING. BUT IF YOU SEE THAT AREA ON FORD
25 BOULEVARD AFTER 6:00, IT'S DARK EXCEPT FOR THE CALIFE'S CAFE.



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1 SO WOULDN'T THIS INDUCE PEOPLE COMING IN AND TRAFFIC AND MORE
2 OF A PROSPEROUS AREA, THAT IF THERE WAS GOING TO BE GANG
3 ACTIVITY AND STUFF, THAT IT WOULD HAVE PEOPLE VISUALLY THERE
4 AND THE SHERIFFS WOULD KNOW AND THEY WOULD BE MORE APT TO BE
5 OUT THERE ON A REGULAR BASIS? LIKE I SAID, I REPRESENT THE
6 EAST L.A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. WE DON'T-- IS AND THIS IS
7 SOMETHING UNIQUE. WE HAVE A SMALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ABOUT
8 ONE-THIRD OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EITHER-- ALSO LIVES AND
9 WORKS IN EAST LOS ANGELES, SO WE HAVE TO LIVE, BREATHE, AND
10 STAND BY WHAT WE SAY. I LOST TIME, SO CAN I HAVE THE LAST
11 MINUTE OF HER TWO MINUTES? WOULD THAT BE FINE? NO?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** PLEASE FINISH UP, MR. TORRES.

14

15 **EDDIE TORRES:** SO IN CLOSING, I'D LIKE TO SAY I SUPPORT THE
16 DANCE STUDIO AND CALIFA'S CAFE, AND I ASK THE SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT, THEY'VE BEEN CALLED FOR HAVING OUTSIDE BANDS. WE
18 MET WITH THEM AFTER THE LAST CALL, CALIFA'S CAFE, AND THEY
19 PROMISED US THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MORE BANDS THERE, AND IT
20 WAS NOT COMING FROM THE DANCE STUDIO. GOD BLESS YOU AND THANK
21 YOU AND I HOPE YOU MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS FOR ECONOMIC
22 ADVANTAGES, AND I WILL BE THE FIRST PERSON TO STAND HERE IN
23 FRONT OF YOU AND TELL YOU TO PULL THE PERMIT IF ANYTHING GOES
24 ON THAT YOU HAVE SAID THAT WE CAN'T HAVE. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. AGAIN, THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING
2 DOWN. THE MOTION THAT IS BEFORE YOU IS A COMPROMISE. THE OWNER
3 HERE REALLY HAD THE ZONING AND EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN THIS
4 BUSINESS. THE ONLY THING THAT WE ARE DOING IN THESE CONDITIONS
5 ARE BEING PLACED ON THIS BUSINESS IS ONLY FOR A MERE FINDING
6 OF CREATING THE ADDITIONAL PARKING AND THESE PARKING LOTS WERE
7 CREATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THAT BUSINESS DISTRICT TO FLOURISH
8 AND CERTAINLY TO EXPAND. AND SO THE REALITY IS THESE ARE TOUGH
9 CONDITIONS ON THE OWNER BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, I THINK THEY'RE
10 CONDITIONS THAT CAN BE MET UNDER A STUDIO REQUIREMENT, AND I
11 THINK THAT IT IS SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY
12 AND CAN BE REVISITED IN SIX MONTHS, NOT ONLY TO GIVE THE OWNER
13 THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT HIS CASE ONCE AGAIN, BUT, MORE
14 IMPORTANTLY, DEMONSTRATE TO THE COMMUNITY THAT HE IS A
15 RESPONSIBLE BUSINESSMAN WHO LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO
16 EXPAND HIS BUSINESS IN THIS COMMUNITY, SO THE MOTION IS BEFORE
17 YOU. DO I MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ACCEPT THE
18 MOTIONS?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, WE NEED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING,
21 IS THAT CORRECT?

22

23 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA TO CLOSE
2 THE PUBLIC HEARING, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
3 SO ORDERED. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. THE ITEM WILL BE MOVED AS
4 PER SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION, AND THE CHAIR WILL SECOND.
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING DOWN.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE].

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL GO BACK TO ITEM NUMBER 8.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING TO PURCHASE 28.11 ACRES OF
14 UNIMPROVED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED LA
15 SIERRA CANYON AREA FROM THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND
16 CONSERVATION AUTHORITY. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR.
17 CHAIRMAN.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DOES THIS ITEM REQUIRE A STAFF REPORT?
20 OKAY. IF NOT, IS ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK? OKAY. THE ITEM,
21 THE CHAIR WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE ITEM'S BE FOREST-
22 - BE FOREST. US. GET THAT? IT'S PRETTY FUNNY. MOVED BY
23 SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT
24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

25



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NUMBER 9, HEARING ON PROPOSED APPLICATION
2 OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE LEGAL
3 BASIS FOR THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL TO CITE TRAFFIC
4 VIOLATORS ON THE PRIVATELY OWNED AND MAINTAINED ROADS IN THREE
5 MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITIES, AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN
6 PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DOES THIS ITEM REQUIRE A STAFF REPORT?
9 OKAY. IF NOT, THEN THE PUBLIC HEARING IS OPEN. ANYONE SIGNED
10 UP TO SPEAK? IF NOT, THE CHAIR WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.
11 THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
12 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
13 IS THAT IT? OKAY. DOES THAT CONCLUDE ALL THE PUBLIC HEARING
14 ITEMS? PARDON ME?

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THEN WE'LL MOVE TO THE REGULAR AGENDA AND
19 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY
22 OF DR. ARNOLD BECKMAN, WHO WAS A GREAT PHILANTHROPIST,
23 INVENTOR, BUSINESSMAN, AND PROFESSOR, WHO USED HIS EARNINGS TO
24 BECOME ONE OF CAL TECH UNIVERSITY'S GREATEST BENEFACTORS,
25 PASSED AWAY ON MAY 18TH AT THE AGE OF 104. WHILE PROFESSOR AT



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1 CAL TECH IN 1934, HE INVENTED A VERY SIMPLE METHOD TO MEASURE
2 THE ACIDITY OF CALIFORNIA LEMONS. THAT INVENTION, NOW KNOWN AS
3 THE P.H. METER AND USED IN CITRUS PROCESSING PLANTS, WAS THE
4 START OF HIS LIFE AS AN INVENTOR. IN 1935, HE FOUNDED NATIONAL
5 TECHNICAL LABORATORIES, LATER RENAMED BECKMAN INSTRUMENTS,
6 AND, DURING WORLD WAR II, ONE OF HIS INVENTIONS WAS A
7 COMPONENT USED IN RADAR SYSTEMS. HE GENEROUSLY DONATED TO
8 UNIVERSITIES AND CHARITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. BY HIS 100TH
9 BIRTHDAY, HE HAD DONATED MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A BILLION
10 DOLLARS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO CHILDREN AND IS MISSED BY
11 THE COMMUNITY. ALSO PHILLIP CARLTON, LONG-TIME LEONA VALLEY
12 RESIDENT, PASSED AWAY ON MAY 16TH, AND HE WAS A LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY FIREFIGHTER FOR 28 YEARS AND A BUILDING CONTRACTOR FOR
14 15, A U.S. NAVY VETERAN DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICT. KAREN JUUL
15 VEJLO FRIEDMANN, WHO WAS BORN AND RAISED IN DENMARK, WHERE SHE
16 MOVED, MET HER HUSBAND. THEY MOVED TO LOS ANGELES WHEN HERBERT
17 WAS NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY. SHE CONTINUED TO DO SCIENTIFIC TRANSLATION FOR
19 THE MUSEUM, UP FROM-- UNTIL-- FROM 1987 UP UNTIL HER DEATH.
20 SHE WAS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY FOR HER KINDNESS,
21 INTELLECT, ENERGY, GRACE, AND STYLE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
22 DAUGHTER AND SISTER. WILLIAM S. HART, JR., THE SON OF THE
23 SILENT FILM ACTOR, WILLIAM HART, SR. WINIFRED WESTOVER HEART,
24 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. HE SERVED IN THE OFFICE AS
25 STRATEGIC SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II, WHICH WAS THE



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1 FORERUNNER OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, AND AFTER MANY
2 YEARS IN STRUGGLING TO SECURE HIS FATHER'S RANCH IN NEWHALL,
3 TURNED TO REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND APPRAISAL AND TAUGHT FOR
4 SOME 40 YEARS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, INCLUDING UNIVERSITY OF
5 CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND
6 SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
7 WIFE, ROSALYN, AND THEIR THREE DAUGHTERS. LARRY JONES, FORMER
8 DIRECTOR OF STREET MAINTENANCE FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
9 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. JOHN YOSHIO NAKA, THE WORLD
10 RENOWNED BONSAI MASTER WHO WAS CREDITED WITH BRINGING THE ART
11 TO WESTERN CULTURE, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. WIDELY
12 REGARDED AS ONE OF THE GREATEST BONSAI MASTERS OF HIS TIME,
13 EVEN IN JAPAN, WHERE HE WAS AWARDED DOZENS OF HONORS FOR HIS
14 WORK AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO TEACH THE ART TO PEOPLE OF ALL
15 NATIONS AND CULTURES. HE AND FOUR OTHER BONSAI ENTHUSIASTS
16 FOUNDED THE CALIFORNIA BONSAI SOCIETY WHERE HE SERVED AS
17 PRESIDENT FOR 32 YEARS. ALSO WAS A AUTHOR OF DEFINITIVE BOOKS
18 ON THE ART WHICH HAD BEEN TRANSLATED INTO FIVE LANGUAGES. AND
19 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ALICE, AND THEIR THREE SONS.
20 MARILYN REECE, THE FIRST WOMAN TO BE REGISTERED AS A CIVIL
21 ENGINEER IN CALIFORNIA AND THE DESIGNER OF THE SAN DIEGO/SANTA
22 MONICA FREEWAY INTERCHANGE IN OUR COUNTY. SHE PASSED AWAY AT
23 THE AGE OF 77. SHE JOINED CALTRANS, WHICH WAS THEN CALLED THE
24 STATE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, BACK IN 1948, AND IN '54, BECAME
25 THE STATE'S FIRST FULLY LICENSED FEMALE CIVIL ENGINEER. SHE



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1 RECEIVED THE GOVERNOR'S DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD IN 1962 FOR
2 THE FREEWAY INTERCHANGE AND, DURING HER 35 YEARS, SERVED AS A
3 SENIOR ENGINEER FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE 210 FREEWAY THROUGH
4 SUNLAND. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND AND TWO DAUGHTERS, ONE
5 OF WHICH WORKS FOR OUR COUNTY AS A INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
6 MANAGER, ANN BARTOLI.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAD THAT ADJOURNMENT AS WELL, IF I COULD JOIN
9 IN ON THAT ADJOURNMENT, I'D APPRECIATE IT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EARLINE BEEBE DEMEY, LONGTIME ANTELOPE VALLEY
12 RESIDENT AND WAS A COOK AT THE WAYSIDE RESTAURANT. AND THOSE
13 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ON ITEM 13, YOU HAVE...

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I JUST...

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...AMENDMENTS WHICH ARE FINE. AMENDMENTS,
22 WHICH ARE FINE, AND SO--

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MY AND...

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MY MEMO WOULD BE TO CONSISTENT THE
2 WORK WITH AUTHOR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I WILL MOVE THAT OR SECOND IT, HOWEVER
5 YOU WANT TO DO IT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ON ITEM NUMBER 13, AMEND SUPERVISOR
8 ANTONOVICH'S RECOMMENDATION TO WORK WITH AUTHOR VERSUS
9 SUPPORT. AND THAT WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ACTION TAKEN BY
10 THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITIES. WE HAVE-- WE'VE GOT
11 THE MOTION.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN I HAD...

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO WITH-- AS AMENDED, WE HAVE-- WE
16 HAVE THE MOTION RIGHT HERE. OKAY. DON'T GET NERVOUS. YOU'LL BE
17 OKAY. IT'S GOING TO WORK OUT JUST FINE. WE HAVE 142 COPIES FOR
18 YOU. SO, ITEM 13, AS AMENDED, SECONDED BY THE CHAIR. WITHOUT
19 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, TWO OTHER ADJOURNMENTS. GRACE GAMET,
22 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 101 ON MAY 17TH. SHE WAS QUITE
23 INFORMED ON ALL CURRENT AFFAIRS UNTIL ABOUT A MONTH BEFORE HER
24 DEATH. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON, KEITH, AND A LARGE FAMILY
25 THAT EXTENDS TO NINE GREAT, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. HER SON,



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1 KEITH, AND I WERE INSTRUCTORS AT WILSON HIGH SCHOOL IN EL
2 SERENO FOR A FEW YEARS PRIOR TO MY ENTERING THE STATE
3 LEGISLATURE. AND ALSO FATHER SHAHE SEMERDJIAN, WHO WAS PASTOR
4 EMERITUS OF THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH, WHO PASSED AWAY ON
5 MAY 22ND AT THE AGE OF 88, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
6 ALLISON, AND FOUR CHILDREN AND 10 GRANDCHILDREN. AND THAT'S
7 ALL, MR. CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK I'VE TAKEN CARE OF ALL OF MY ITEMS. ON
12 ADJOURNMENTS, I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
13 MEMORY OF HECTOR BARRETTEO, SR., WHO IS THE FOUNDER AND FORMER
14 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
15 AFTER WORKING IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, MR. BARRETTEO, ALONG WITH
16 OTHER LATINO BUSINESSMEN FOUNDED THE CHAMBER IN KANSAS IN 1979
17 AND, OVER THE YEARS, HAS GROWN INTO A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
18 THAT HAS ADDRESSED MANY OF THE ISSUES, LATINO AND BUSINESSES,
19 AND PUT THEM ON THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AGENDA. HECTOR'S ALWAYS
20 BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF POLITICS AND WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR
21 DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HIS SON AND CERTAINLY ALL OF HIS FAMILY
22 AND FRIENDS. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR BURKE.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** WE DID AN ADJOURNMENT LAST WEEK FOR LES BENSON,
2 DIDN'T WE?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, WE DID.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** BOBBY JOE LAWRENCE, FORMER EMPLOYEE OF OFFICE OF
7 THE ASSESSOR, PASSED AWAY ON MAY 8. HE WAS HIRED AS AN
8 APPRAISER JANUARY 6, 1964. THROUGH HIS LONG CAREER WITH THE
9 DEPARTMENT, HE ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS AND WAS APPOINTED TO
10 DIRECTOR OF ASSESSOR'S OPERATIONS BY KENNETH HAHN DECEMBER
11 3RD, 1990. BOBBY RETIRED ON FEBRUARY 28, 1993, AFTER MORE THAN
12 29 YEARS OF SERVICE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SONS ANTHONY AND
13 KENNETH. VIRGINIA HERNANDEZ, BELOVED SISTER OF CARLOS JACKSON,
14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND
15 HOUSING AUTHORITY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** BEVERLY JOHNSON PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY, MAY 23RD.
20 SHE WAS THE FOUNDER OF FAUNA FOUNDATION IN MALIBU, AN ANIMAL
21 RESCUE ORGANIZATION. SHE SPENT HER LIFE RESCUING OVER 800 TO A
22 THOUSAND ANIMALS IN HER LIFETIME. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
23 HUSBAND, MARLIN PEYTON. VERNON JARED, WHO PASSED AWAY OF
24 CANCER AT THE AGE OF 82. HE WAS A PIONEERING BLACK JOURNALIST
25 WHO USED HIS SYNDICATED NEWSPAPER COLUMNS AND LONG-RUNNING



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1 RADIO AND TELEVISION SHOWS TO EDUCATE AMERICANS ABOUT THE
2 NATION'S LEGACY OF SLAVERY AND SEGREGATION. HE WON DOZENS OF
3 JOURNALISM AND HUMANITARIAN AWARDS AND NURTURED A POLITICAL
4 MOVEMENT THAT CULMINATED IN 1983 ELECTION OF HAROLD
5 WASHINGTON, CHICAGO'S FIRST BLACK MAYOR. IN 1977, HE FOUNDED
6 THE AFRO- ACADEMIC CULTURAL TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENTIFIC
7 OLYMPICS, AN INTELLECTUAL COMPETITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
8 UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE N.A.A.C.P. ACTSO. THIS
9 ORGANIZATION HAS AWARDED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN
10 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS. IN ADDITION TO HIS SON, THOMAS, HE IS
11 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, FERNETTA. THAT CONCLUDES MY
12 ADJOURNMENTS. SO MOVED.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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16 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. UNDER MY ADJOURNMENTS, FIRST OF ALL,
19 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JUNE PRATT. JUNE IS THE
20 SISTER OF MY BEST FRIEND, GEORGE HARVEY. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY
21 GEORGE AND HIS FAMILY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
22 HELEN KELLOGG. HELEN WAS A BIXBY KNOWLS ICON IN LONG BEACH.
23 SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88 ON MAY 15TH. SHE WAS VERY
24 ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND P.T.A. ACTIVITIES AT LONGFELLOW
25 AND POLY, BOOSTER CLUBS, MEMORIAL HOSPITAL'S CHILDREN



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1 AUXILIARY, PETROLEUM CLUB, A LIFE MEMBER OF THE LONG BEACH
2 ASSISTANT LEAGUE AND VERY INVOLVED IN THE PREDECESSOR GROUP TO
3 WHAT IS NOW THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FEDERATED. SHE IS SURVIVED
4 BY HER SONS, JEFFREY, WHO IS A LONG BEACH COLLEGE TRUSTEE,
5 FORMER 8TH DISTRICT COUNCILMAN. HER SON, KEITH, RETIRED FROM
6 THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AS A LIEUTENANT GENERAL. HER SON,
7 MIKE, HONORABLE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE AND DAUGHTER, KATHY, WHO
8 IS A PH.D. AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST. HELEN WAS JUST A DEAR
9 LADY AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL IN LONG BEACH. ALSO THAT WE
10 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LINDSAY ZORICH. LINDSAY IS A BELOVED
11 NINE-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER OF DEPUTY RICHARD ZORICH AND HIS WIFE,
12 CYNTHIA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 22ND FROM A RARE, DEBILITATING
13 DISEASE. DEPUTY ZORICH IS PART OF THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF
14 TRANSIT SERVICES BUREAU, ASSIGNED AS A COURT DEPUTY. OUR
15 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY AT THIS MOST
16 DIFFICULT TIME. THEY JUST LOST THEIR SON A FEW MONTHS BEFORE
17 TO THIS VERY SERIOUS DISEASE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
18 MEMORY OF VIRGINIA HERNANDEZ, BUT WE DID THAT, CARLOS' SISTER,
19 AND ALL MEMBERS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DR.
20 ARNOLD PLANK, WHO ENJOYED A CAREER IN PUBLIC EDUCATION THAT
21 WAS LONGER THAN MORE THAN FOUR DECADES, INCLUDING NINE YEARS
22 OF SUPERINTENDENT AT TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.
23 FOLLOWING HIS RETIREMENT IN 2002, HE TAUGHT GRADUATE LEVEL
24 CLASSES AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY DOMINGUEZ HILLS. HE'S
25 VERY INVOLVED IN THE TORRANCE COMMUNITY. HE'S A MEMBER OF DELL



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1 ALMA ROTARY CLUB, Y.M.C.A. CHAMBER, SYMPHONY ASSOCIATIONS AND
2 PEDIATRIC THERAPY NETWORK. VERY SUDDEN, AND HE WILL BE MISSED
3 BY ALL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LEROY CENTER, A
4 LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH AND MAYOR OF THAT CITY A
5 NUMBER OF YEARS AGO. HE WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE PLANNING
6 AND DEVELOPMENT OF KING HARBOR, CITY HALL, AND THE POLICE
7 DEPARTMENT. HE SERVED AS A PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER, CHAIRMAN
8 OF THE Y.M.C.A. AND WAS NAMED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR IN 1957.
9 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF EUGENE CURE, WHO PASSED
10 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF LAKEWOOD FOR OVER
11 30 YEARS AND MEMBER OF THE LAKEWOOD CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN
12 CHURCH. HE WAS AN ELDER MEMBER OF THE CHOIR. OFFICER HONORABLY
13 DISCHARGED OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING THE KOREAN WAR. HE
14 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, RUBY PYERS, AND TWO DAUGHTERS, SHARON
15 AND SANDRA AND TONY, A HOST OF NIECES AND NEPHEWS, AND EUGENE
16 REALLY HAS BEEN VERY INVOLVED IN OUR _____ OUT IN THE
17 SOUTHEAST AREA AND RUBY AND EUGENE JUST GOT TOGETHER A FEW
18 YEARS AGO AND JUST MARRIED LESS THAN A YEAR AGO, SO IT'S A
19 VERY TRAGIC LOSS FOR RUBY AND SO OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE
20 WITH HER AND THE FAMILY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
21 CLAIRE CRANE, A LONG-TIME TORRANCE RESIDENT, TEACHER, AND
22 CIVIC LEADER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON, LARRY, AND SON,
23 CLIFF. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DONALD BRUTON, WHO
24 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 78. HE HAD A SANDBLASTING PLANT IN
25 THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER, HE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN THE



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1 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HE WAS AN ATOMIC SUBMARINE VETERAN OF
2 WORLD WAR II. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DOROTHY, TWO SONS,
3 KELLY AND KENT, DAUGHTER, SUE, AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO
4 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOAQUIN ACOSTA, A LIFELONG
5 RESIDENT OF SOUTH BAY. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR
6 FORCE...

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT JOAQUIN FROM SACRAMENTO?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, HE BECAME AN ADMINISTRATOR AT
11 U.C.L.A. AND LATER L.M.U. AND THEN FINISHED HIS CAREER AS A
12 LOBBYIST.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH. ADD ME TO THAT, WILL YOU?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU KNOW HIM, YVONNE.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** [INDISTINCT VOICE].

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALSO WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARILYN
23 REESE, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT. I WANTED
24 TO BE ON THAT AS WELL, TOO, ON-- WE DID THAT EARLIER. WITH



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1 THAT, SO ORDERED. I HELD-- WELL, FIRST OF ALL, ITEM 23 WAS
2 HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. GENEVIEVE?

3

4 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS
5 IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I'M, AS USUAL, CONCERNED. YOU KNOW,
6 IT'S TWO WORD I REACT -- SOLE VENDOR CONTRACT. JUST MAKE ME,
7 YOU KNOW, VERY UPSET. AND ITEM 23 REALLY HAVE NUMEROUS SOLE
8 VENDOR CONTRACTS AND EXTENSIONS SO WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO WAY,
9 YOU KNOW, IF THEY REALLY DESERVE THOSE CONTRACTS. BY THE SAME
10 TOKEN, I STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED ALL THE INFORMATION I
11 REQUESTED ON THE CAMDEN GROUP, UNDER THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC
12 RECORD ACT. ACCORDING TO THAT ACT, YOU HAVE 10 DAYS TO
13 RESPOND. THAT WAS MORE THAN A MONTH AGO. I RECEIVE FEW
14 SCATTERED DOCUMENTS, WHO EVEN INCREASED MY CONCERN EVEN MORE.
15 WE HAVE TWO INVOICES FOR FINAL BILL. ONE SAY THE CHARGE IS
16 \$61,573 FOR INTERIM MANAGEMENT. THE OTHER ONE WITH THE SAME
17 NUMBER IS 61,500,000. ON STAFFING ASSESSMENT, ONE SAID
18 \$28,370. THE OTHER ONE SAID \$24,000. WHICH ONE IS IT? BOTH
19 INVOICES HAVE THE SAME NUMBER. IF THAT'S THE KIND OF SHODDY
20 WORK THEY'RE DOING IN M.L.K., NO WONDER WE HAVE NOT ANY
21 PROGRESS. I AM TOTALLY APPALLED. ALSO, YOU KNOW, THAT'S A
22 COMPANY WHO INVEST IN EL SEGUNDO. AND, AS FAR AS I'M
23 CONCERNED, EL SEGUNDO IS NOT THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY FROM LOS
24 ANGELES, SO WHY ARE WE PAYING \$8,554 FOR AIRFARE AND THEN
25 ANOTHER \$398 FOR AIRFARE? WHY ARE WE PAYING \$8,908 FOR HOTEL?



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1 BUT, OF COURSE, THAT WAS ONE OF THOSE SOLE VENDOR CONTRACT, AS
2 USUAL. I AM APPALLED. AND THE TYPE OF WORK I HAVE RECEIVED,
3 SHOW, CERTAINLY, NO PROFESSIONALISM. AND THAT'S A COST OF
4 \$61,000 A MONTH FOR AN INTERIM MANAGEMENT IS A DISGRACE, AND I
5 STILL WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHAT THEY ARE DOING FOR THE MONEY THEY
6 HAVE RECEIVED AND I WILL DEMAND A FULL INQUIRY OF WHAT'S GOING
7 ON AT M.L.K. IT'S APPALLING. AND ME, SEE, I DON'T CHARGE YOU
8 NOTHING FOR MY STATEMENTS AND I HAVE PROBABLY MORE EXPERTISE,
9 SO FOR FREE TO YOU, I WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER ARTICLE ON THE
10 MOTIVATION IN THE NURSING PROFESSION. YOU MAY READ IT. YOU MAY
11 LEARN SOMETHING. THANK YOU. AND WHEN CAN I EXPECT THE
12 INFORMATION?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHICH ONE?

15

16 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I MEAN, EVERYTHING ON THE CAMDEN GROUP.
17 ALL I ASK IS TO REVIEW THE DOCUMENTS, YOU KNOW. I WANT-- ALL
18 THEY GIVE ME WAS A DRAFT. FOR HALF A MILLION.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU TALKED ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS HERE,
21 GENEVIEVE. ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE CAMDEN GROUP?

22

23 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I'M TALKING ABOUT THE CAMDEN GROUP.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT BESIDES THE...?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'VE ALREADY REQUESTED IT.

3

4 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I KNOW BUT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE
5 INFORMATION AND WHAT I HAVE RECEIVED SO FAR..

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. LET US TRY AND GET A DATE FOR YOU,
8 GENEVIEVE, OKAY? WE WILL MAKE THAT-- BUT WE HAD REQUESTED
9 THAT.

10

11 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** OH, I KNOW YOU HAVE, AND I RECEIVE YOUR
12 LETTER AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. BUT THE SAME, IS NOT
13 TOTAL TRUTH. AND WHAT WE ARE PAYING AND WHAT WE HAVE PAID AT
14 M.L.K. FOR THE KIND OF, YOU KNOW, REPORT I HAVE RECEIVED SO
15 FAR IS A DISGRACE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN OUTSIDE AGENCY
16 REALLY LOOK AT WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. I AM AN EXPERT IN
17 HEALTHCARE. I KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M NOT WILLING TO HONOR THAT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T MIND GIVING INFORMATION, BUT JUST BECAUSE
24 SHE HAS A POINT OF VIEW THAT IT'S DISGRACEFUL, I AM NOT
25 WILLING TO HONOR THAT.



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2 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, EXCUSE ME!

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THAT MIGHT YOUR POINT OF VIEW, MA'AM.

5

6 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I'M JUST A PUBLIC RECORD. I HAVE THE
7 RIGHT...

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU ARE ENTITLED TO LOOK AT THE DOCUMENTS BUT TO
10 HAVE AN OUTSIDE AGENCY REVIEW IT BECAUSE IT DOESN'T...

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, NOBODY'S GRANTING THAT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO MAKE SURE.

15

16 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I DIDN'T DEMAND IT. I SAID IT WOULD BE A
17 GOOD IDEA, AND I HAVE-- YOU KNOW, I AM IN THE U.S. RIGHT NOW
18 AND I HAVE RIGHT TO EXPRESS MY OPINION. YOU ALLOW ALL THE
19 PEOPLE WHO CAME EARLIER TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINION. I HAVE THE
20 SAME RIGHT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I AM NOT OPPOSED TO YOUR OPINION. AGAIN, WHETHER
23 AN OUTSIDE AGENCY REVIEWS IT IS A MATTER OF WHICH THIS BOARD
24 MAKES A DETERMINATION.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SOME OF THE ISSUES RAISED ON THE COSTS,
2 THOUGH, I THINK WE NEED A RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT, YOU
3 KNOW, A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO ALL MEMBERS. OKAY. THE ITEM IS
4 THEN BEFORE US. MOVED BY...

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** (INDISTINCT VOICE).

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
9 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I ALSO HELD
10 25-A, WHICH IS SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION ON THE GREEN SHEET.
11 ONE, I HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT-- ARE YOU PASSING IT OUT? AND
12 THIS IS A MOTION BY MYSELF AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. AS WE
13 READ THIS, C.A.O. IS TO REPORT THE FINDINGS INDICATE THAT
14 THERE COULD BE POTENTIALLY ROOM FOR CHANGES TO THE COUNTY'S
15 BILLING PRACTICES. HOWEVER, MANY QUESTIONS REMAIN TO BE
16 ANSWERED AND ADDITIONAL STUDIES REQUIRED. WE THINK THAT WE
17 SHOULD BE CLEAR REGARDING THIS GREEN SHEET MOTION AND WHAT IT
18 MEANS. WE DO NOT WANT IT TO BE CONSTRUED THAT APPROVAL
19 REPRESENTS A CHANGE IN BOARD POLICY WITH REGARD TO BILLING
20 PRACTICES. WHAT IT SHOULD MEAN IS THAT ADDITIONAL STUDY AND
21 POTENTIAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALL PARTIES THAT HAVE A VESTED
22 INTEREST WILL OCCUR THAT COULD RESULT IN RECOMMENDATIONS BEING
23 MADE TO THE BOARD FOR LEGAL REGARDING CHANGES TO BOARD POLICY.
24 THE BUILDING MODEL USED TODAY HAS BEEN IN PLACE FOR 30 YEARS
25 AND, BECAUSE IT IS EFFECTIVE, IT WORKS, AND HAS BEEN BOTH



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1 MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO BOTH CITIES AND THE COUNTY. THAT IS WHY
2 WE THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE MESSAGE WE SEND IS THAT WE
3 ARE FOLLOWING A VERY THOUGHTFUL AND MEASURED PROCESS IN
4 STUDYING THIS ISSUE, AS IT HAS POTENTIAL FOR MANY UNINTENDED
5 OUTCOMES. THEREFORE, WE THINK WE SHOULD STRIKE THE LANGUAGE IN
6 THE ACTION ITEMS THAT READ, "THE GOAL OF CHANGING OUR BILLING
7 PRACTICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006 AS IT MAY BE PREMATURE
8 PENDING ADDITIONAL STUDY AND SUBSEQUENT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
9 THE C.A.O. THAT ARE REQUIRED. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD
10 CLARIFY THE LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN THE FIRST RECOMMENDATION OF
11 THE MAY 20TH C.A.O. REPORT BY STRIKING THE WORDS "INTO RATES
12 CHARGE TO CITIES," AND INSERTING "MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
13 REGARDING THOSE COSTS." AND I ALSO FURTHER MOVE THAT THE
14 LANGUAGE IN THE ACTION POINTS OF THE MOTION THAT MAKE
15 REFERENCE TO THE GOAL OF CHANGING OUR BILLINGS PRACTICES FOR
16 2005/2006 BE REMOVED FROM THE MOTION. ALSO MOVE FURTHER THAT
17 THIS BOARD DIRECT THAT, AS PART OF THE QUARTERLY REPORTS TO
18 THE BOARD ON THIS ISSUE THAT A DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL
19 UNINTENDED OUTCOMES, INCLUDING POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO PUBLIC
20 SAFETY, BE A PART OF THE REPORTING.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT TO GET SOME CLARIFICATION ON SOME OF THOSE
23 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. DO WE UNDERSTAND THAT, MR. JANSSEN, THAT
24 YOU WOULD COME BACK IN A WEEK AND MAYBE NOT CREATE A
25 RECOMMENDATION ABOUT HOW TO COMPLETE THE GOAL OF CHANGING OUR



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1 BILLING PRACTICES FOR '05/'06, BUT YOU WOULD LOOK AT HOW WE'RE
2 GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT. IS
3 THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING?

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THAT WHAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING IS?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, MY-- YEAH, BUT, I MEAN, IN
10 NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE INTENDED PARTIES.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, AGAIN, THAT IS AN ISSUE THAT IS GOING TO BE
13 NEGOTIATIONS OR SOMETHING WE'LL START, BUT HE HAS TO COME BACK
14 WITH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN
15 IMPLEMENTING-- HE HAS TO COME BACK WITH SOME STRUCTURES AS TO
16 HOW WE'RE GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTING THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS,
17 CORRECT?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE TO GET THE IMPLEMENTATIONS FIRST
20 BEFORE YOU IMPLEMENT. I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO
21 CLARIFY.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE ARE RECOMMENDATIONS THERE NOW.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU'RE STRIKING THE WORDS "TO LOOK INTO THE RATES
2 CHARGED"? HOW ARE YOU GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY
3 RECOMMENDATIONS UNTIL YOU LOOK INTO IT AND SEE WHAT THEY ARE?
4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND BUT THAT'S WHAT HE'S SUPPOSED TO--
6 AS I UNDERSTAND, HE'S SUPPOSED TO LOOK AT...
7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THEY'RE STRIKING THOSE WORDS, RIGHT? RIGHT?
9 ARE YOU STRIKING THAT, THE WORDS "INTO THE RATES CHARGED TO
10 CITIES"?
11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S CORRECT. WELL, WE'RE WILLING TO TAKE THOSE
13 THINGS OUT AS LONG AS WE UNDERSTAND. THAT'S WHY I'M TRYING TO
14 GET AN UNDERSTANDING, THAT, FROM THIS, HE'S STILL GOING TO
15 COME BACK IN ONE WEEK AS TO TELL US AS TO HOW HE IS GOING TO
16 APPROACH THIS. SOME ARE GOING TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STUDY.
17 RIGHT?
18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THEM THAT REQUIRE
20 THE AUDITOR IS GOING TO NEED ADDITIONAL TIME THAT, OVERALL, IT
21 IS MY INTENT TO RETURN TO THE BOARD SOMETIME NEXT SPRING WITH
22 RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT TO DO FOR '05/'06.
23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S CORRECT.
25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND I THINK SUPERVISOR KNABE IS JUST SAYING,
2 DON'T PREJUDGE NOW WHAT THE BOARD MAY DO WHEN WE RETURN. I
3 THINK THAT'S ALL HE'S SAYING.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT MY ONLY QUESTION WAS HOW YOU DO THAT IF YOU
6 CAN'T LOOK INTO THE PRESENT RATES, WHICH IS BEING STRICKEN.

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, WE WILL LOOK IN THE...

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, NO, THAT'S...

11

12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DON'T THINK THAT'S HIS INTENT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. THAT'S NOT YOUR INTENT.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO CLARIFY...

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU INTEND FOR THEM TO LOOK AT IT.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. INTEND THEM TO LOOK AT IT BUT I WAS
23 JUST TRYING TO CLARIFY SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION BECAUSE I
24 READ HERS TO SAY TO "IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATELY."

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT WE KNOW THEY AREN'T GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED
2 IMMEDIATELY. MY ONLY QUESTION IS, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT YOU
3 WOULD ADD AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THESE COSTS, THAT
4 THAT SHOULD BE ADDED TO HIS REVIEW, RATHER THAN JUST SAY HE
5 CAN'T LOOK AT THEM.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE'S GOING TO LOOK AT EVERYTHING, MAKE SOME
8 REVIEWS AND THEN COME BACK WITH A PROPOSAL TO US AS TO HOW WE
9 WOULD NEGOTIATE IN THE FUTURE CONTRACTS.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** HE WOULD LOOK AT THEN HE'LL REVIEW IT AND MAKE
12 RECOMMENDATIONS?

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, RIGHT. AND IT IS MY INTENT TO WORK WITH
15 THE CONTRACT CITIES IN THIS PROCESS, NOT TO DO IT
16 INDEPENDENTLY.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** ABSOLUTELY.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE HAD THAT
21 CLARIFICATION.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OTHERWISE, YOU GET YOUR OTHER TOE DONE IN,
24 HUH?

25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT, I'LL LOSE MY OTHER TOE.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE I THINK THAT CLARIFICATION IS
4 SIGNIFICANT. AS LONG AS IT'S UNDERSTOOD WHERE WE'RE ALL GOING
5 WITH IT, BECAUSE THE C.A.O. HAS TO UNDERTAKE THAT AND
6 HOPEFULLY GET US TO A POINT WHERE, IN FACT, WE CAN MAKE A
7 DECISION, BUT PRESENT IT SO THAT WE HAVE, WITH PLENTY OF TIME
8 BEFORE OUR CONTRACTS FOR, WHAT, NEXT YEAR.

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO I JUST WANT TO-- LIKE I SAID, WE ALL
13 UNDERSTAND WHERE WE'RE GOING WITH THIS.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, I HAVE CONTRACT CITIES, AND WE DON'T WANT TO
16 PENALIZE THEM, BUT THERE HAS TO BE AN EQUITY.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHEN YOU HAVE INDEPENDENT CITIES THAT, YOU
19 KNOW, USE THE SAME SERVICES AS WELL, TOO, SO... OKAY. WITH
20 THAT, THEN, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, AS AMENDED BY ME.
21 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** VERY GOOD.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IS THAT ALL THE HELD ITEMS, I
2 BELIEVE? BUT FOR NEXT WEEK, THIS IS FOR NEXT WEEK: THE
3 A.C.L.U. HAS SENT A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
4 DEMANDING THAT A SMALL CROSS DISPLAYED ON THE OFFICIAL COUNTY
5 SEAL BE REMOVED AND THAT A RESPONSE FROM OUR BOARD BE RECEIVED
6 WITHIN 14 DAYS. THEY HAVE THREATENED LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE
7 COUNTY IF IT'S NOT REMOVED. OFFICIAL COUNTY SEAL WAS DESIGNED
8 BY FORMER SUPERVISOR KENNETH HAHN AND ADOPTED BY THIS BOARD ON
9 MARCH 1ST, 1957. IT HAS BEEN A SYMBOL OF OUR GREAT COUNTY
10 WHICH SPANS 4,081 MILES AND ENCOMPASSES SOME 10 MILLION
11 RESIDENTS, MAKING IT THE LARGEST AND MOST DIVERSE COUNTY IN
12 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE SEAL HAS VARIOUS SYMBOLS
13 REPRESENTING OUR COUNTY'S DIVERSE AND RICH HISTORY, FROM
14 AGRICULTURE TO OIL PRODUCTION, FROM CULTURAL ACTIVITIES TO THE
15 CONQUEST OF SPACE, AND INCLUDES A CROSS REPRESENTING THE
16 INFLUENCE OF THE CALIFORNIA MISSIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN A PART OF
17 OUR DEPARTMENT-- DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTY AND STATE OF
18 CALIFORNIA. OUR HISTORY CANNOT BE CHANGED AND WILL NOT BE
19 REWRITTEN. WE HAVE A RICH AND PROUD HISTORY WHICH EVERY PERSON
20 IN THE COUNTY CAN BE PROUD OF, NO MATTER WHAT YOUR RELIGIOUS
21 BACKGROUND. TODAY, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FACES A VARIETY
22 OF CRITICAL ISSUES AND THE THREAT OF SUCH A LAWSUIT BY THE
23 A.C.L.U. IS CLEARLY A FRIVOLOUS ACTION AND WOULD CAUSE THE
24 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO SPEND UNTOLD AMOUNT OF ALREADY SCARCE
25 RESOURCES. WE WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS REITERATE ITS SUPPORT FOR OUR COUNTY SEAL WHICH
2 WAS ADOPTED 47 YEARS AGO AND DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO
3 THOROUGHLY REVIEW THIS MATTER AND BEGIN PREPARATIONS AND BRIEF
4 THIS BOARD TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE COUNTY'S SEAL IF SUCH
5 LITIGATION IS BROUGHT AGAINST THIS COUNTY, AND THAT'S FOR NEXT
6 WEEK. I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS. WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC HEARING
7 ITEM LEFT. I MEAN PUBLIC COMMENT, EXCUSE ME. PATRICIA
8 MCALLISTER?

9

10 **PATRICIA MCALLISTER:** I AM PATRICIA MCALLISTER. IT IS AN HONOR
11 TO BE HERE. THERE IS SOME FALSE ADVERTISING GOING ON, IT'S
12 ADVERTISED ON THE WEB, THIS MEETING STARTS AT 1:00 AND IT'S
13 SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT THE 2004/2005 ACTION PLAN FOR PROPOSED
14 PROJECTS. IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT THAT HAPPENED, BUT I WILL LOOK
15 INTO THAT. I AM ADDRESSING THIS 1-D RECOMMENDATION FOR 73
16 MILLION TO BE, AS IT SAYS HERE, TO BE DOLED OUT, I'LL SAY
17 DOLED OUT WITHOUT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. I TOTALLY DISAGREE
18 WITH THAT, BUT I'M GOING TO HOLD THAT BECAUSE I HAVE OTHER
19 ISSUES, AND IT'S CONCERNING THE CDBG, WHICH THAT MONEY DOES
20 ADDRESS ALSO. CDBG, THOSE MONEYS WERE ORIGINALLY ALLOCATED BY
21 H.U.D. FOR CREATING AND BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, CREATING
22 JOBS IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES. I DO
23 HAVE A COPY OF THAT ACTION PLAN AND I SEE MOST OF THAT MONEY
24 GOING TO EVERYTHING EXCEPT THOSE THINGS. AS YOU KNOW, LOS
25 ANGELES COUNTY HAS THE HIGHEST HOMELESS POPULATION IN THE



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1 NATION, AND I SEE THESE FUNDS GOING EVERYWHERE BUT BUILDING
2 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I SEE \$250,000 JUST GOING TO PLANNING AND
3 ADMINISTRATION. I CAN GO ON AND ON. DIRECT FINANCIAL
4 ASSISTANCE TO PROFIT BUSINESSES, \$231,000. I DON'T SEE
5 ANYWHERE WHERE YOU'RE BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I THINK IT
6 SHOULD BE UNLAWFUL THAT THIS SUPERVISORY BOARD IS ALLOWED TO
7 DO SUCH THINGS. I HAVE TALKED TO H.U.D. IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO
8 FIND OUT WHY CDBG MONEY IS GOING TO HOMEOWNERS OVER HALF A
9 MILLION DOLLARS JUST TO FIX UP THEIR HOMES. YES, GRANTS, BUT
10 YOU'RE NOT BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I AM HERE REPRESENTING
11 MYSELF, BUT I'M ALSO ON THE ADVISORY BOARD OF L.A.H.S.A.,
12 THAT'S THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY, AND I JUST
13 SENT EACH ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS A LETTER STATING THAT THERE
14 IS A STALEMATE, OR I WOULD CALL IT A SABOTAGE ON THE
15 L.A.H.S.A. ADVISORY BOARD. AND I TALKED TO ALL OF YOUR STAFF,
16 AND SOME OF THEM SAID THEY'D GET BACK TO ME, BUT NO ONE HAS
17 CALLED ME. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET MEETINGS FOR THE LAST
18 SEVEN MONTHS WITH L.A.H.S.A. I'VE BEEN ON THAT BOARD SEVEN
19 MONTHS AND I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET ON A COMMITTEE BECAUSE
20 WE CANNOT GET QUORUMS. MANY OF THOSE MEMBERS ARE FROM SPAS,
21 THEY'RE FROM SPAS, THEY'RE BEING PAID, THEY'RE AGENCIES
22 THROUGH THE COUNTY, SO THEY HAVE NO-- THEY HAVE NO NEED TO
23 WANT TO COME TO THOSE MEETINGS BECAUSE, AS FAR AS I'M
24 CONCERNED, THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT THE HOMELESS. ANOTHER THING,
25 I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS SUPERVISOR BURKE. I HAVE CALLED HER OFFICE



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1 MANY TIMES, TALKED TO HER STAFF, BUT SHE NEVER TALKS TO ME,
2 BUT SHE DID PUT A MEMBER, AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN-- WE HAD NO
3 AFRICAN-AMERICANS ON THE COMMISSIONER BOARD OF L.A.H.S.A. NOT
4 ONE. THERE WERE NINE SEATS. SO I RALLIED AND WROTE LETTERS TO
5 SUPERVISOR BURKE, ASKING HER TO PUT AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN ON
6 THERE, AND SHE DID. THIS AFRICAN-AMERICAN, VERONICA BROOKS,
7 SITS THERE AND HAS NOT SAID A WORD SINCE SHE'S BEEN ON THERE.
8 SHE REPRESENTS OVER 60% OF THE HOMELESS PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY AND I THINK IT'S APPALLING THAT SHE WOULD COME THERE
10 AND NOT OPEN HER MOUTH. I TALK MORE THAN SHE DOES. I ASKED HER
11 IN THE LAST MEETING, "WILL YOU PLEASE SPEAK?" YOU REPRESENT
12 AFRICAN-AMERICANS, AND I THINK WE NEED MORE THAN ONE AFRICAN-
13 AMERICAN ON THE L.A.H.S.A. ADVISORY BOARD. AND, IN CLOSING,
14 I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE THE SUPERVISORS HELD
15 RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT'S GOING ON IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. YOU
16 SHOULD NOT HAVE THE HOMELESS PROBLEM THAT YOU HAVE HERE WITH
17 ALL OF THE BILLIONS THAT COME FROM WASHINGTON INTO THIS STATE
18 AND I THINK THAT WE NEED A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION OF THE FUNDS,
19 WHERE THESE FUNDS ARE GOING AND HOW THEY'RE BEING ALLOCATED. I
20 SEE A LOT OF INSTANCES WHERE FUNDS ARE NOT BEING ALLOCATED
21 APPROPRIATELY AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY AGAIN TO SUPERVISOR
22 BURKE, I AM AFRICAN-AMERICAN ALSO, AND I THINK THAT YOU, AS AN
23 AFRICAN-AMERICAN, YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO REPRESENT YOUR
24 PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. THERE BEING NO FURTHER
2 PUBLIC COMMENT, THEN WE'LL GO TO CLOSED SESSION, BUT I JUST
3 WANTED TO ADD ONE COMMENT, THOUGH, THAT WE WANTED TO COMMEND
4 BRYCE YOKOMIZO, ALONG WITH C.A.O. AND COUNTY COUNSEL, ON THIS
5 FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES
6 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REGARDING THE FOOD STAMP PENALTIES
7 FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2000 THROUGH 2002. YOU KNOW, AT ONE
8 POINT, IT WAS AN INCREDIBLE FIGURE THAT WE WERE FACING AS FAR
9 AS THE PENALTY AND I THINK NOT ONLY THE NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT,
10 BUT IT WASN'T JUST A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT, IT WAS BECAUSE THE
11 DEPARTMENT BEGAN TO DO THEIR JOB AND REALLY FIX THE PROBLEM,
12 AND BOTH PUBLIC AGENCIES RECOGNIZED THAT. SO, TO BRYCE, TO
13 DAVID, TO RAY, I MEAN, TO EVERYONE WHO NEGOTIATED THAT
14 AGREEMENT, A BIG HEARTFELT THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF NOT ONLY THE
15 BOARD, BUT THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS COUNTY. THANK YOU. GO TO
16 CLOSED SESSION.

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
19 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS
21 CS-1 AND CS-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
22 EXISTING LITIGATION; ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
23 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AND
24 ITEM CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, DAVID E.
25 JANSSEN, STAN WISNIEWSKI AND RICHARD VOLPERT WITH RESPECT TO



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1 PROPOSED NEW LEASES AND PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSIONS FOR
2 PROPERTIES WITHIN THE MARINA DEL REY SMALL CRAFT HARBOR. AS
3 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD
4 OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 1 AT 1:00 P.M. THANK YOU.

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4 I, Jennifer A. Hines, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
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6 hereby certify:

7 That the foregoing transcript of recorded
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9 and place therein set forth and recorded by the Los Angeles
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12 And I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript
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16 I further certify that I am neither counsel for nor
17 related to any party to said action, nor in anywise interested
18 in the outcome thereof.

19 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
20 29th day of May, 2004.

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23 _____ (Signature on file) _____

24 JENNIFER A. HINES

25 CSR No. 6029/RPR/CRR